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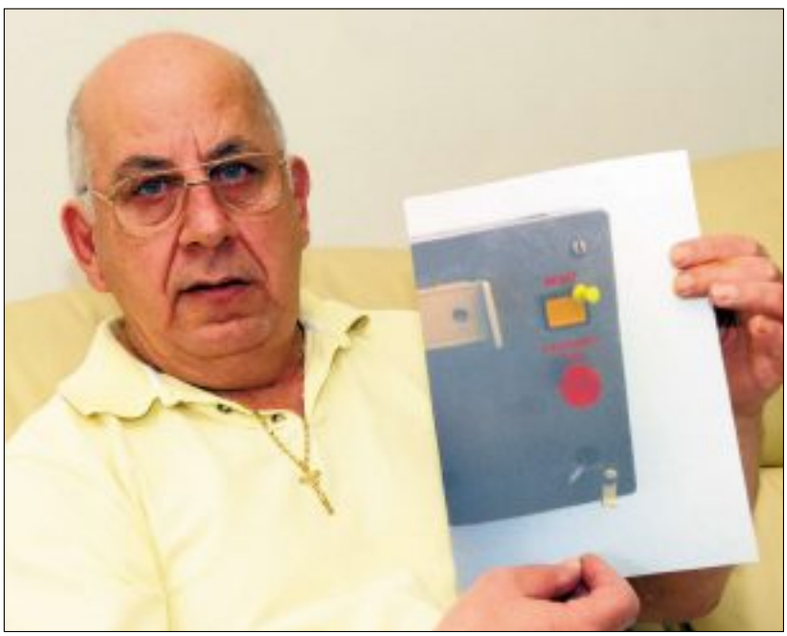

UPSET: Cos Bocchino with a picture of the emergency button that was silenced using a drawing pin

Man criticises L&D after 'lifeline' buzzer for his partner was put out of her reach

A MAN is furious at the treatment his terminally ill partner has received while she has been in hospital.

Cos Bocchino, 60, has spoken out at how his partner of 27 years Valerie - who only has movement in her arms - was left without 'a lifeline' to help from staff when her emergency buzzer at Luton & Dunstable Hospital was moved out of her reach.

On another occasion the alarm was switched off altogether as it was broken.

Valerie Biver, 61, was diagnosed with a brain tumour last October and an operation to remove it was unsuccessful.

Doctors in London told her devastated family she would have a year to live.

Two weeks ago she was admitted to Ward 11 of the L&D with a water infection and Mr Bocchino, of Belper Road, Luton, has said he is 'disgusted' by how staff treated her.

Valerie is unable to move because of her condition, only being able to speak and move her hands, but an emergency button which should have been placed where she could press it easily was put behind her on a wall bracket, out of reach.

On a separate occasion a drawing pin was put in the light, which would alert staff to the bed, to disable it because it was broken, Mr Bocchino said. It was fixed later that day, after Mr Bocchino had complained.

Mr Bocchino said: "There was no common sense. She cannot move, so why put something four feet away from her attached to a wall? It wasn't until I went in to see her that I moved it. I brought it up with a nurse and was just told that they didn't know who did it.

"There just seemed to be no understanding of her condition. And then when I came in and they had disabled the alarm. It's just unbelievable."

Barry Mayes, head of communications at the hospital, could not comment on why the buzzer was placed on the wall.

He added: "Mr Bocchino drew to the attention of ward staff the broken emergency cord at 5.45pm on May 9.

"The comfort and safety of our patients is a top priority for us. Therefore Mrs Biver was given a bell to use in the event of needing to attract attention and the emergency cord was fixed within two hours.

"We apologised to Mrs Biver and to Mr Bocchino at the time. But if he would like to contact us again we will be able to respond to him directly."

Council debt hits £293m

EXCLUSIVE

BY LUI STRACCIA
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COUNCIL debt has rocketed by more than £120 million in two years.

The total owed by Luton Borough Council currently stands at a whopping £293.3m - 70 per cent more than the £172.2m figure in 2010.

In 2010 the council took out new loans totalling £42.5m to fund its capital programme, the largest item of which was the £25.7m Aquatics Centre, in Stopsley, due to open in August.

The following year a further £89.4m in new loans were taken out to pay the Government as part of the end of the Housing Subsidy System. This was offset by the repayment of a £10m loan.

Cllr David Franks, leader of the Town Hall's Liberal Democrat group, suggested the council was 'not managing the situation properly' and fears the debt could get worse.

He questioned where the money would come from should major projects such as the Luton Dunstable Busway go over budget, saying: "The fact that the debt has gone up as much as it has suggests the council is not managing it properly.

"Taxpayers have got to pay back the money, and they're paying a huge amount of interest.

"When you embark on major projects like the busway, there is often a small risk. The busway is budgeted at £90m. Whatever happens, the Government grant towards the costs are fixed at £78m.

"So, if it's on budget, the council has got to find between £11m and £12m. If there's an overspend, it's got to find that too. It has gone into it knowing the finance is not in place.

"It's madness. I am seriously questioning it.

"It'd be useful to know how the council proposes to find the money if projects go over budget. I've seen no evidence to prove it can."

In a statement the council said: 'There were new loans taken out in the spring/early summer of 2010 totalling £42.5m.

'These were to fund items marked in the capital programme as Prudential Borrowing or Supported Capital Expenditure (Revenue). The single largest item is the Aquatics Centre at £25.7m of Prudential Borrowing.

'The increase from 2011 to 2012 is because the Government required us to make a payment to it of £89.4m as part of the ending of the Housing Subsidy System and the move to Self Financing for council housing.

'The new loans of £89.4m are offset by the repayment of a loan of £10m. This refers to a loan that reached maturity.

'The capital was repaid and a decision was taken not to replace it with new borrowing.'

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'Family frauds' councillor is Deputy Mayor

A COUNCILLOR who escaped being thrown out of the Labour Party has been made Deputy Mayor of Luton.

Saints ward Cllr Asma Rathore *(pictured)*, of Selbourne Road, Luton, did not reveal that some of her relatives were fraudsters in the run-up to last year's local elections.

In signing a declaration, she did not tell the Labour Party that her cousin is illegal immigrant Ashar Ali Rathore, who along with his wife was deported last year for organising sham marriages in a bid to stay in the UK, and that she is also the sister of Shagufta Siddique who, along with her husband Ahmed Siddique, was in 2009 convicted of obtaining more than £160,000 through fraudulent activities.

The revelations only came to light following a *Luton on Sunday* investigation in February and, following a meeting with Labour officials, she escaped being thrown out of the party because she 'thought the question only related to her personally and not to members of her close family'.

She was appointed Deputy Mayor on Tuesday, along with new Mayor Cllr Sid Knight, of Atholl Close, Sundon Park, and will be formally 'made' in a ceremony on Wednesday.

Benefit cheat stole £32k

BY JULIA SUTTON
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A 57-YEAR-OLD who claimed benefits when she had savings which paid for holidays in Canada, Ireland and the USA has been sentenced to six months in jail.

But a Judge threw Karen Wray, of Verulam Gardens, Luton, a lifeline and said she would re-consider her sentence if £10,000 was repaid within 50 days.

Luton Crown Court was told on Friday that Wray had received £32,531 in housing and council tax benefits since April 2006 to which she was not entitled as she had more than £16,000 savings which she had not declared.

Samantha McKeenan, prosecuting for Luton Borough Council, said between April 2005 and April 2009 Wray had signed declarations falsely.

The fraud came to light when her data was matched to information held by the Inland Revenue which showed she was receiving interest from a savings account.

When the account was found it showed withdrawals being made in Las Vegas, Florida, Toronto and Dublin.

She told investigators that the account had been set up jointly with her sister, using money left by their late mother and it was ultimately to be used for children in the family.

But she did agree that some money had been spent on her holidays.

Henry Day, defending, said: "She lives alone, she is divorced and has no children, and lives on incapacity benefit.

"Custody would have a detrimental effect on her health and she would not be able to cope in custody."

He said she was remorseful and was going to begin repaying the money from now. But he said there was no money left in the account, as it had been distributed to the children.

Wray had pleaded guilty to four charges of making false statements to obtain benefit.

Judge Barbara Mensah told her: "You took a very large amount of money over a number of years. It was other people's money.

"I don't accept what you say about where the money has gone. I don't think it is true for one moment.

"You have gone on holidays overseas to a whole host of places and used the money for your own personal pleasure.

"The law allows me to vary my sentence and if it transpires that at least £10,000 is paid into the department's account in the next 50 days I might revisit the sentence."

By 4.30pm on Friday a family member had raised £10,000 which was paid to Luton Borough Council, and Mrs Wray was freed from the cells.

Judge Mensah told her she owed a 'debt of gratitude' to her nephew.

Instead of the jail term she was given a 12 month community order, with supervision and a six month night time curfew. She will also have to repay the outstanding £22,530.

Smuggler hid cannabis in fruit packages

A MAN who smuggled £30,000 worth of cannabis hidden inside Jamaican pineapples and ackee fruit has been jailed for 20 months.

Ex-Vauxhall General Motors engineer Owen John Smith, 53, of Ravenhill Way, Luton, pleaded guilty at Croydon Crown Court to importing 10.8 kilos of the drug at Gatwick Airport on December 10 last year.

Prosecutor Julius Capon told the court UK Border Agency officers searched Smith's suitcase after he stepped off a Jamaican flight.

Mr Capon said: "Inside were various foods, including pineapples and frozen ackee, and concealed within that fruit were packages containing cannabis."

When quizzed, Smith, who has a 20-year-old conviction for possession of cannabis with intent to supply, refused to answer questions.

His lawyer, Clive Smith, said: "He was bringing the suitcase back for someone and feels foolish that there were drugs inside it and that he was taken advantage of."

The father-of-two was told by Judge Jeremy Gold QC: "You were involved in attempting to bring in cannabis with a street value of £30,000, which was concealed within fruit.

"You are certainly not naive in matters relating to cannabis and I place you at the junior end of a significant role."

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GRAFFITI ATTACK AT HOME

ANIMAL rights activists spray painted abusive messages across the front of the home of a director of a supplier to a research organisation.

Police are investigating vandalism at the house in Stockingstone Road, Luton, between midnight and 4am on April 25.

The resident is a boss at Parallabs, which in the past has supplied lab equipment to Huntingdon Life Sciences, which for years has been targeted by animal welfare groups.

When our reporter visited him he had no comment to make.

WOOD CHOPPER DEATH

A MAN died after a large piece of wood hit him on the head.

Nicholas David Willsmore, of Manor Road, Barton-le-Clay, was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge on May 6 but died three days later.

Magpas Helimedix, who treated him at the scene, said the 49-year-old had been chopping logs using a piece of machinery in his garden when one flew out.

A post-mortem examination showed he died from a 'traumatic brain injury' and an inquest has been opened and adjourned to a date to be arranged.

REVERSING CAR HITS TEEN

A TEENAGER was injured when a car reversed into her.

The 17-year-old student was in Houghton Road, Dunstable, at about 3.20pm on Wednesday when the small red car hit her. She was left with leg injuries.

Police attended the scene and a 19-year-old man was arrested in connection with the incident.

Anyone with information about this incident can contact Bedfordshire Police on 101.

The faces of those who are wanted by police

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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BEDFORDSHIRE'S most wanted criminals have been posted online - and they all committed their crimes in Luton.

The offenders, who are being sought by Bedfordshire Police, can be viewed at Crimestoppers' 'Most Wanted' website.

The force have posted the faces of those on warrant on the charity's national crime-fighting site to encourage the public to tell police, or Crimestoppers, where they are.

Pictured are those wanted by police for failing to appear at court for crimes committed in the town.

Here follows their names and crimes:

■ Ali Tuli, an Albanian national, was charged with burglary and was due to attend court in 2004

■ Chika Okolo, a Nigerian national, who was charged with causing death by dangerous driving in 2005

■ Mehmet Yazici was charged with GBH in 2003. He is a Turkish national

■ Pawel Dolny, of Poland, also had a GBH charge dating back to 2004

■ Beata Jakusik, also of Poland, was charged with GBH and aggravated burglary last year

■ Mohammed Taj has a GBH charge from 2010

■ Marcus Hamilton was charged with assault of a police officer, affray and threats to kill in January of this year

■ Michael Wylupek in 2008 was charged with possession of an imitation firearm

WANTED: From left to right are Pawel Dolny, Marcus Hamilton, Beata Jakusik and Chika Okolo

WANTED: From left to right are Mohammed Taj, Ali Tuli, Michael Wylupek and Mehmet Yazici

DCI Dave Quarmby from Bedfordshire Police said: "By using Crimestoppers Most Wanted website we hope to trace those offenders who have so far managed to evade justice.

"They have been convicted of crimes in their absence or failed to appear at court and it is only right the public see them brought to justice.

"We hope they help us fight crime by looking closely at the images and telling us where they are. The benefit of Crimestoppers is that the public can pass the information straight to the charity rather than police if they prefer." Ann Scott, Crimestoppers Eastern Regional Manager, said: "In the 24 years that the charity has been running no caller has ever been identified so we can guarantee that no one will know that you contacted us with information.

"We do not trace or record calls and callers do not have to go to court or give a statement to the police. Around 23 people are arrested every day as a result of information given to Crimestoppers."

All appeals can be seen at wanted.crimestoppers-uk.org

Football hooligans banned from Euro 2012 competition

TWENTY-FOUR football hooligans will have their passports seized to prevent them travelling to Euro 2012 in Poland and Ukraine.

The Football Policing Unit will write to all those with Football Banning Orders (FBO) ahead of the international tournament reminding them not to travel abroad and ask them to submit their passport.

If they fail to do so an officer will visit to arrest them.

The persons currently living in Bedfordshire who hold an FBO will not have necessarily committed an offence in Bedfordshire. This could have happened anywhere in the country or worldwide.

A banning order can either be a civil complaint or the punishment for committing a criminal offence which is given to anyone convicted of certain offences to stop them committing violence or disorder at football matches including those played outside England and Wales.

A ban can be between two and ten years and other restrictions may apply.

There will also be police at Luton Airport looking for potential travelling troublemakers from the beginning of the tournament.

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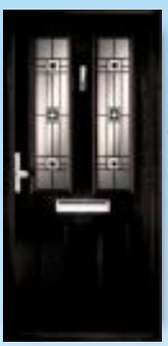

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Hospital concerned over mixed sex rule breaches

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ONE hospital has breached mixed sex accommodation rules more than 250 times in a year - ten times as many as a neighbouring hospital.

Luton & Dunstable Hospital has made the error 259 times this year when, for example, a patient shares sleeping accommodation, toilets or bathrooms with a patient of the opposite sex, or when a patient has to pass through opposite sex accommodation to reach their own toilets and bathrooms.

The hospital has said the breaches have happened in the Intensive Therapies Unit and High Dependency Unit where there have been delays in available beds but the situations are 'reducing'.

Meanwhile at Bedford Hospital the mistake has happened only 25 times.

The L&D has, since last autumn, had an external review into the situation and has led to additional hygiene and bathroom facilities, refurbishment of the endoscopy department and 'enhanced training and awareness for staff'.

In a statement, the L&D said: 'Making sure we respect patients' needs for privacy and dignity is something we take pride in at the L&D and we are very concerned that any breaches of the rules on mixed sex accommodation have occurred.

'The majority of wards at L&D are either single sex accommodation or are organised in bays with separate male and female toilet and bathroom facilities and meet the guidance on same sex hospital accommodation.

'There are no male or female beds that overlook the opposite sex and our inpatient care meets the standards required for single sex accommodation.'

Recharging points to encourage greener travel

SIX electric vehicle recharging points are to be installed at the University of Bedfordshire.

The facilities will be located in Anne's Road and Bute Street, Luton, making up two of the 20 to be put in place around the town later this year.

Ahead of the installation, The university's Facilities and Estates Department trialled an electric powered van at the Luton campus.

The van, supplied free by manufacturer Tata, was used by the university's post room and accommodation teams for travelling between sites in and around Luton.

The university is ranked 53rd out of 138 Higher Education institutions in the Universities Green League.

Adam Higgin, energy and environment manager at the university, said: "The trial period has worked out very well with the van travelling more than 150 miles around the town, within the ten day trial period.

"The university is now preparing to purchase two of these vehicles, one for use at the Luton campus and the other for the university's Bedford campus.

"This single vehicle's 150 mile trial reduced the university's fuel costs by approximately £37 and eliminated approximately 87 kg of CO2 from exhaust pipe emissions, with associated benefits to local air quality with the reduction in air polluting particulate matter associated with diesel fumes from older commercial vehicles.

"This purchase is being made possible by an Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle grant from Department for Transport. And the Plugged in Places grant, also from DfT, will enable Luton Borough Council to install six electric vehicle charging points at the Luton campus, by which the university's electric vehicles will be recharged."

Other publicly available Luton locations for charging of electric vehicles will include Basepoint Business Centre, Stockwood Park Discovery Centre and The Mall Luton.

Les Ebdon in the van supplied by Tata

Plea after robbers hold up store at knifepoint

THREE men robbed a convenience store, brandishing a knife, while the manager was cashing up.

All of the offenders were wearing balaclavas when they entered the Premier Sunny Convenience Store in Trinity Road, Luton, last Sunday at 10.30pm.

They threatened the manager before taking cash and cigarettes. The first is described as 5'6" tall with a slim build, with black clothes. He spoke with an English accent.

The others also wore black clothing.

Anyone with information can contact Detective Constable Richard Cunningham on 01582 473347.

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£1.8m for superfast broadband

A PLAN to give superfast broadband to nine in ten homes has been given the green light from the Government.

Massive investment to improve connectivity and services for residents and businesses will be made in the Central Bedfordshire area.

The Local Broadband Plan will be partially funded by £620,000 from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's Broadband Delivery team, with more than £1.2 million being invested by the council and Central Bedfordshire Together (the Local Strategic Partnership) to improve services.

Under the plan at least 90 per cent of all premises would have access to superfast broadband (defined as being at least 24Mbit/s). The plan will also aim to ensure that everyone has access to a minimum broadband service (at least 2Mbit/s).

Further details about broadband in Central Beds can be found at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/broadband

REVIEW VOW: Karen Perkins, Director of Museums (right) at Wednesday's press conference after the Wenlok Jug was stolen from Stockwood Discovery Centre

Museum reviews security after jug stolen from case

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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THE museum from which the famous Wenlok Jug was stolen is reviewing its security procedures after the break-in.

Director of Museums Karen Perkins said that they were undergoing checks with the companies who provide the alarms and the manufacturer of the high-security case to make sure the rest of the collection at Stockwood Discovery Centre is as safe as possible.

Last Saturday a man used a drain cover to smash through a door and the 13.4mm thick glass case protecting the historic artefact. He took the jug and left.

The high-spec protection was 'the very best' the museum could afford at the time it was bought.

Ms Perkins said: "This was the very best we could purchase at the time but it wasn't a barrier to this person getting in."

It was also said that police have been talking to scrap metal dealers in the area but the jug, which was bought for £750,000, would only be worth around £20 melted down.

A reward has been offered for the safe return of the jug, the price of which has not been released yet, and anyone with information is asked to call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or Bedfordshire Police on 101.

■ For a history of the jug, turn to pages 14-15.

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Olympic celebrations will light the town

TICKETS for Luton's free Olympic Flame celebration event in July will be given out at roadshows across the town.

Luton will host an evening celebration for the torch at Popes Meadow on Sunday, July 8, when the London 2012 Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) will stage entertainment as part of the Love Luton 2012 Festival weekend which runs from July 6-9.

For two weeks between May 26 and June 8 the Love Luton 2012 Festival team will be taking a roadshow to various locations across the town where they will be giving out tickets on a first come, first served basis.

Cllr Hazel Simmons *(pictured)*, leader of Luton Borough Council, said: "LOCOG has not yet officially announced the line-up or the finer details of the evening. I think this just adds to the excitement of the evening."

For more information on the roadshow locations visit www.luton.gov.uk/2012festival

Plea made after man abducted and attacked

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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A MAN was abducted from his house and beaten up before being dumped back near home.

The 30-year-old victim, of Leaf Road, Houghton Regis, was left with a dislocated shoulder and severe bruising to his face.

The gang started the 'premeditated' assault outside his house, at about 11pm last Saturday before being bundled into the back of a dark-coloured transit-style van.

Detective Constable Colin Knight would like to hear from anyone who may have witnessed the assault or the confrontation that led up to it.

He said: "This appears to have been a premeditated attack by a gang who carefully picked out their victim who suffered some very nasty injuries during the assault.

"We have already spoken to a number of people who may have witnessed the attack but I would urge anyone who may have seen anything to get in touch so that we can stop something like this happening again.

"I'd like to hear from anyone who was in the Leaf Road or Tithe Farm Road at the time of the assault or anyone else who may have information – however small or insignificant they think it is – that could help us.

"Don't dismiss your information as unimportant – even tiny details which don't seem relevant now might become useful later on in the investigation."

If you have information relating to this incident, contact DC Knight, in confidence, on 01582 473142, the non emergency number 101, or text information to 07786 200011.

Alternatively contact independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or online at crimestoppers-uk.org

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Don't let kids suffer

SIR - When I left school in 1975, I could hardly read, write or spell. It's held me back all my life.

Who knows what I might have made of myself.

I can't believe that in 2012, 37 years later, kids are leaving school, still not able to spell properly.

The only way these poor souls will make it in this world is to do what I did. Teach yourself. I love using words to express my opinions. I've had hundreds of my letters printed in local and national newspapers. Millions of people go to the gym, to exercise their bodies. They forget to exercise their brains.

Working with, and using words, can help you achieve anything you want. Maybe that's why the Government doesn't care if working class kids leave school illiterate.

John Tucker
Bracklesham Gardens, Luton

How can this happen?

SIR - One is amazed how anyone can be left on a Luton Borough Council minibus overnight in the Kingsway depot.

It only takes a minute to check the bus. One would do this to find out if any of the elderly and vulnerable passengers had left anything behind. Don't the drivers have a list of who to pick up so the list should be used in reverse to drop passengers off?

Was there a driver and a helper on this bus? It is strange that a frail 80-year-old woman was not noticed to be missing at Jill Jenkins Court.

The driver of the minibus was suspended without prejudice (on full pay?) and an internal investigation launched immediately. It is hoped that if members of the council are not invited to take part, the investigation should at least be published.

The council has put a temporary procedure in place to ensure every passenger transport vehicle is checked before the end of each day, which will remain in force until further notice. This should be permanent. We all wish the lady makes a full recovery after such a dramatic experience.

John Young
Chairman Luton Conservative Association

Battle to see the river

SIR - I would like to correct the letter from Wendy Bradley (May 13).

She has obviously not walked over to Leagrave Park for a very long time. We too also have to battle to see the river from 'our' side. The only part of the park that is not left to grow wild are the football/cricket pitches and the rugby pitch.

As for pollarded trees, where are they? What we do have are numerous new trees that have been planted in the last year or so, these will grow into fine specimens

If only the vandals do not continue to destroy them. While I agree with her comments on letting nature take its course, I do think that as many people come to investigate the source of the River Lea.

It would be nice if they could actually see it.

Lynne Kiff
Moira Close, Sundon Park

If you don't correct spelling mistakes there will be problems

SIR - South West Bedfordshire Conservative MP Andrew Selous *(pictured)* is quite right; it does children no favours to allow spelling mistakes to go deliberately uncorrected (*Luton on Sunday* front page, May 13).

They will have problems in later life: for example, when applying for jobs or being precluded from working in trades or professions where spelling is important.

There is also the risk of other serious consequences: for instance to people with diabetes if hyperglycaemia (high blood sugar) is confused with hypoglycaemia (low blood sugar) or when a paediatrician was forced to move after ignorant vandals scrawled the word 'paedo' on her wall, under the impression

that she was a paedophile. Children's self-esteem can be protected in other ways: perhaps by using green pen instead of the dreaded red for corrections (or even colour-coding different types of correction); telling the child that his or her essay was well thought out even though the spelling needs a bit more work; praising the neatness of the handwriting, etc.

Spelling does not come naturally to everyone and children can be taught strategies that will help them to remember certain words, or how to look them up – including the use of online dictionaries.

That way they can grow up confident in the knowledge that they have the necessary skills to overcome obstacles and fulfil their potential.

Debby Wakeham
Muirfield, Bushmead, Luton

Looking out for John

SIR - I understand that John Tucker (*LoS* letters, May 13) wants a general election but doesn't say as whether or not he has written to Mr Cameron.

He obviously is the tome on many matters; from the inconvenience of driving over speed bumps in a 1.8 litre, to the shock of being mugged for 83p because there was a queue.

Yet, when we scan the list of candidates at an election, be it national or local, there is no mention of either the Bracklesham Gardens Party or John's name. Why?

Surely a man of such intellect and whose burning desire to serve the people of Luton should put his name forward.

Now I cannot predict the date of the next General Election, that is in the hands of Mr Cameron, but when it happens I will be looking with renewed hope at the candidate list. Come on John.

Anthony Lawrence
Mayfield, Luton

Dog issue needs tackling

SIR - At the end of last month the Government launched a public consultation on tackling irresponsible dog ownership. However, the flimsy package of measures published on April 23 falls way short of tackling this very real problem.

To coin a phrase, prevention is better than the cure, and that is exactly what the RSPCA wants the Government to focus on, to stop people from being attacked and more dogs from suffering needless abuse and neglect.

The RSPCA is concerned this could be a missed opportunity and wants to see a more comprehensive approach that prevents serious incidents from occurring in the first place, rather than waiting for them to happen before action can be taken. We will be telling the Government exactly what we think of their proposals as part of their consultation, and we hope you will too.

You can find out more about all of the issues surrounding irresponsible dog ownership, as well as how to take part in Defra's consultation, by visiting the RSPCA's new 42 Teeth campaign pages at www.rspca.org.uk/42teeth

You can also draft your own response to the consultation from these pages and we urge you to share with the Government your experiences and thoughts on this issue by June 15.

As our campaign notes, all dogs have 42 teeth, but only some have irresponsible owners – and this what any laws should tackle.

David Bowles
Director of Communications, RSPCA

Ensure there is fairness

SIR - While we understand that reforms to the disability benefits system will include more vigorous assessments of physical capability, we feel there should be as much focus on the extra financial burden suffered by disabled people across the UK.

A disabled adult's risk of being on a low income is much greater than that of a non-disabled adult for all family types.

In fact, around a third of all disabled adults aged 25 to retirement are living in low-income households, which is twice the rate for non-disabled adults, and it has been this way throughout the last decade.

This needs to be addressed.

We know from first-hand experience the sort of impact that disability can have on the UK's most vulnerable.

Often it is the disabled who rely most heavily on their cars since they are unable to use public transport, and cars have to be specially adapted around their disability.

Yet, even as the current benefits system stands, nearly three quarters (73.8 per cent) of the people we help cannot afford to visit family and friends, though of course this is essential to one's emotional and mental health in times of hardship.

In reforming the welfare system it is therefore crucial that the government takes such issues into account if they are to ensure fairness going forward.

We encourage all people with a disability and their carers to visit our free and confidential website: www.turn2us.org.uk to check their eligibility for benefits and charitable funds, and access up to date information about benefits and changes to the benefits system.

Rob Tolan
Head of Research and Policy, Elizabeth Finn Care

Reassured by findings

SIR - During the past two decades the general public has become increasingly concerned about potential adverse health effects of exposure to electromagnetic fields such as from electrical power distribution and mobile phone use.

For 20 years, the Institution of Engineering and Technology's Biological Effects Policy Advisory Group has reviewed the evidence on this subject.

Our most recent Position Statement, based on a review of 726 peer-reviewed scientific papers was published this week.

It finds that the overwhelming majority of the evidence does not indicate that normal exposure to low-level electromagnetic fields has harmful health effects, such as cancer. We are reassured in the consistency of these findings and this is in common with those reached by the majority of other scientific bodies.

The media continues to features stories on this subject, sometimes giving them more prominence than scientifically warranted. We would, therefore, remind research institutions that while they have a vested interest in encouraging publications from their staff there should be more counterbalancing pressure to hold organisations to account if such publications are found to be erroneous.

We would like to see all research institutions operate transparent internal quality-control mechanisms to help mitigate this problem.

Science can never prove a negative, for example that something is totally safe.

Some may favour a precautionary approach and limit their exposure to modern technologies such as mobile phones, but this is a personal decision rather than one which follows directly from the existing scientific knowledge.

Professor Tony Barker
Institution of Engineering and Technology

The stories you've been commenting on this week:

Camp at park

■ The Travellers have been in our beautiful park for a well over a month and a half and I am sick of the sight of them. I find it incredible that the ever vigilant public can call the police within a minute of seeing a caravan pull up to Stockwood park (before they unhitch), and they don't bother to race up and turn them away.
I also find it maddening that for years the council have not bothered their backsides in trying to implement measures to prevent this annual invasion from happening.
Resident Stockwood

Jug stolen

■ It is a shame that the jug has been stolen.
A Lutonian

M1 roadworks

■ No improvement of this section at all. Still three lanes, and a few lay-bys. Complete waste of time and money!
marsh farmer

Store takings down

■ I think that this is one of the the points of a demonstration? Historically it is the only way law abiding people can draw attention to their grievances in a non-violent way? Or am I wrong?
Dave

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Staff at the formal opening of the Short Stay Medical Unit Houghton Regis on Thursday

New medical unit is open for business

BY LUI STRACCIA
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A NEW short-stay medical unit has been opened.

The facility in Mayer Way, Houghton Regis, was launched on Thursday by South Essex Partnership NHS Trust (SEPT) Community Health Services Bedfordshire.

Small and focused, and with only 16 beds, the unit is led by a geriatrician consultant and staffed by a dedicated team of doctors, nurses, therapists and health care professionals, working closely with GPs and social care teams.

It provides nursing care with comprehensive occupational therapy and physiotherapy for patients who require intensive nursing support for a limited time, with the average length of stay expected to be between five and seven days.

The new service currently offers a step down from hospital, before being discharged home or into further longer term residential rehabilitation services and has a consultant led team based at the Accident and Emergency Department at Luton & Dunstable Hospital who will assess patients and, with patient assent, direct their care to the best option for that individual patient.

SEPT chief executive Dr Patrick Geoghegan said: "This new unit demonstrates our commitment to delivering the highest standards of care for our patients.

"The unit provides a fantastic environment and has been carefully thought out and designed to ensure that our patients have all the facilities they need to be able to recover well and regain their mobility and independence, ready for their return home.

"Thank you to the clinical team who provide very focused and intensive rehabilitation care under the direction of the consultant doctor and to the wider team which involves our partners from social care, local authorities, the L&D, East of England Ambulance Service, GPs and charities including the Red Cross.

"The Short Stay Medical Unit in Houghton Regis is a shining example of partnership working and forward-thinking approaches to delivering outstanding patient care."

Merger could see jobs axed

JOBS are likely to be at risk at a housing company should a potential merger go ahead.

Aldwyck Housing Group – which has 320 staff at its HQ based at Houghton Hall Business Park in Porz Avenue, Houghton Regis – and Paradigm Housing Group announced on Thursday they have entered into preliminary discussions.

Discussions are at 'an early stage' but both organisations said they believe that this is 'an exciting opportunity that should be explored fully' and that 'Aldwyck and Buckinghamshire-based Paradigm customers will be fully consulted should the merger proceed'.

The combined group, owning and managing more than 23,000 properties, would be one of the largest social landlords in the east of England.

An Aldwyck spokesman said: "In terms of jobs 'at risk' it is far too early to speculate at this stage.

"The two groups are only at the earliest stage of discussions.

"Should the merger go forward, realistically over time there would be efficiencies but it is too soon to be specific."

In a statement the two companies said: 'Both organisations have a history of delivering first-class services to customers and share common areas of operation.

'By joining together we believe we can further improve service delivery and use our combined financial strength to increase the building of new homes in the area.

'A merger would also enable cost savings and greater value for money through operating and procurement efficiencies.'

'Have Your Say' at festival

LUTON Borough Council's community development service has organised a series of free family festivals across the town.

Six community festivals are scheduled throughout May and June that include a variety of activities for all the family such as face painting, fairground rides, sports, dance, music, entertainment, arts and crafts and prize draws.

The festival is being supported as part of the council-led scheme – 'Your Say, Your Way' – which is all about increasing opportunities to get involved in decision making in your neighbourhood.

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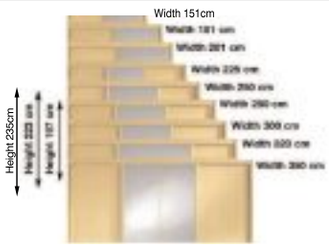

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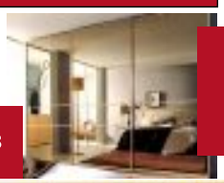

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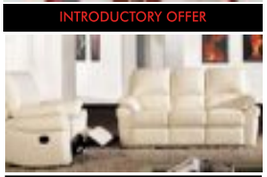

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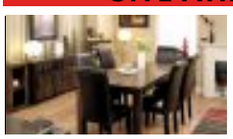

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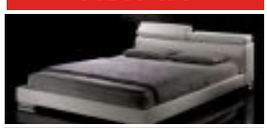

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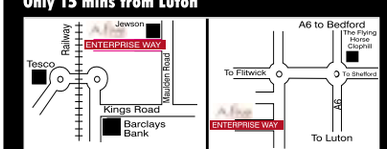

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stevelowe

People in industry are already working harder than ever…

HAVING climbed a bit of the way up the slippery pole I have occasion to sit with the great and the good.

Or at least those who have climbed a bit further than me and do not appear to be hanging on for grim death.

Now it may come as a shock to you but not many of them seem to be very left of centre.

It is fair to say that most of the movers and shakers are naturally Conservative supporters when it comes to British politics.

So I imagine that it may not have gone down too well in senior management meetings and boardrooms across the country when Foreign Secretary William Hague tells them all to work a bit harder.

This will be particularly galling from a member of Parliament, where turning up for work seems more like a life-style choice than an obligation.

You only have to turn on to the Parliament channel and count the MPs in attendance to see what I mean. And those that are there have probably chosen to have a doze where it is comfy and warm.

That is when Parliament is sitting, of course.

For some 22 weeks this year they will not be there because the House of Commons is in 'recess', a posh term for on holiday.

Now I know the ministers of state will claim that does not mean they are on holiday, because they are working just as hard. But was it not last summer when the Government of the country had been left to a cleaner at 10 Downing Street as all the top boys had gone away at the same time.

Yes, yes I know it wasn't really the cleaner - we wouldn't still be in the mess we are if it had been.

But they did fail to even bother to co-ordinate their holidays, so little did it matter.

Most people in industry, from the bottom to the top, work long hours and often, such as the newspaper industry, unsocial hours to boot.

Now that is our choice, or at least for some of us and there is little point in moaning about it.

But when the Government starts telling its natural followers - I exclude myself from that - to get off their backsides and work a bit harder I can imagine a fairly blunt response.

Not least to say that if any business had made half the gaffes and mistakes of this Government in the last two years, it would no longer be in business.

NOW it has been revealed by the Government that people without a limb may not qualify for disability benefit.

So only having one leg does not mean you are disabled. I remember the Peter Cook and Dudley Moore sketch where Dud had applied for the role of Tarzan in a new film, even though he only had one leg.

Peter Cook, the director was trying to be kind.

'I have nothing against your right leg', he said sympathetically, 'Unfortunately neither do you.'

Obviously new rules of what it means to be disabled will have to be brought in, starting with missing at least two limbs to be eligible.

Being blind will not be enough, one will have to be blind and or deaf and dumb.

Those with illnesses leading to breathing difficulty will only be declared disabled if they cannot carry their own oxygen bottle.

And for those with mental illness 'Catch 22' will prevail.

Which is that those who declare themselves not mentally fit to be able to work for the pittances provided must be sane and therefore fit to work.

That's those scroungers all sorted.

What we should do now is send children to work at a much younger age, as education is obviously wasted on most of them anyway.

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The history of stolen

LAST Saturday one of Luton's most prized possessions - a rare medieval jug, one of just three in the world - was dramatically stolen from its high-security case at Stockwood Discovery Centre. Reporter **SOPHIE SCOTT** looks at its significance to the town.

CCTV of the incident, *left*, and where the jug was stolen from, *right*

IT could be a tale from a Hollywood movie.

A well-built man vaults a six-foot fence, smashes a glass entrance door with a, presumably, stolen drain cover and then uses it to crack through 13.4mm of glass.

He grabs a 6kg bronze jug, throws it over the fence into a hedge, clambers after it and then disappears into the black night.

One has to wonder as to the reasons behind the theft. Did he know its significance and worth? Or was it just a chance smash-and-grab?

The jug itself is a huge part of Luton's history and the tale of how the museum acquired it is just as interesting.

Seven years ago, New York's Metropolitan Museum was desperate to get a hold of the artefact, willing to hand over £750,000 to get it, but Luton Borough Council's museums service wanted to keep it in the town - but didn't have the money to save it as it was more than 300 times the museum's annual acquisition budget.

That was until then Culture Minister David Lammy prevented its export and gave time for the necessary fundraising to happen. The story goes that large donations from the Friends of Luton and the Arts Fund, among others, were added to by Lutonians - some giving just £5 each.

Finally in 2006 enough money was raised and it was secured for the town. It was a David and Goliath moment.

Speaking at a press conference on Wednesday, director of Museums Karen Perkins said: "This is probably the highest value object in our collection and it is increasingly significant nationally.

"I think the most important thing about this jug is that it is one of only three in the world, the other two are at the Victoria and Albert Museum and the British Museum, but this is the only one that is attributable to a named person."

Wrapped around the jug's circumference are the words 'My Lord Wenlok'. This is a clear reference to the Wenlok family of Luton, who lived in the area in the late 1300s-1400.

It could either refer to John Wenlock, who lived near the town and had large estates across the county, and who held different royal offices, was an MP

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Karen Perkins, director of museums, with a replica of the Wenlok Jug

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He was allegedly killed fighting for the Lancastrians at the Battle of Tewkesbury during the War of the Roses, in 1471.

Curators at the museum think it is more likely that it was John, but the jug could have belonged to his great-uncle William, who died in 1391 and is buried in St Mary's Church and was the Canon of the King's Chapel, Westminster and St Paul's Cathedral, and Archdeacon of Rochester and Master of Farley, a hospital for the poor in Luton.

Karen Perkins continued: "The jug would have been like a statement of your importance.

"I very much doubt it was used as a utensil, but it would have been placed on the table at gatherings as a centrepiece and as a way of saying 'look at me and how important I am' and 'this is me'.

"We use the replica of the jug to get schoolchildren to think the same thing. It is a great learning tool.

"Lord Wenlok would have been a nobleman and would have known or served the King.

"Because this is the only one that can be linked to a person it gives us such a background to the story. It goes from being a very old jug to a very old jug with a story."

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Offer accepted for ex-care home site

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A FORMER care home could be sold in a few weeks - but it is unclear who is hoping to buy it.

The Mount, in Tennyson Road, Luton, a former council-run dementia home, was put on the market at the end of last year.

It was closed by Luton Borough Council in a bid to save £600,000 as it was not deemed 'satisfactory' for use and it was difficult to provide levels of 'dignity' to residents.

After a battle by residents' families to prevent the closure, the residents at the 28-bed home were moved to a privately-run home when the council made its final decision.

At the time, a council official told *Luton on Sunday* that the sale was approved on the condition that it would be used for housing or nursing home developments and the money made would go towards the council's Capital Programme.

It is not clear at the moment who the potential buyer is.

FOR SALE: The Mount

A council spokesman said: "The council has accepted an offer and we anticipate that the property will be sold by the end of July. A formal announcement would be made upon completion of the sale."

Threat to kill made in street robbery

DETECTIVES are warning the public to take extra precautions after two serious robberies - one of which involved a death threat.

On April 30, the 27-year-old victim was walking along Moor Path, Luton, at about 11.15pm when three black men approached him, threatened him with a knife and said: "Whatever you have, give it to me or I will kill you."

The victim was terrified and handed over his two mobile phones before the men ran off towards the town centre.

Then on May 4 in the Francis Street underpass at 6.15pm, a 28-year-old victim was approached by two men who asked him for a cigarette.

The victim was punched in the face several times causing him to fall on the floor where he was kicked in the ribs repeatedly before having his pockets searched and a mobile phone and cash taken.

Anyone with information can contact DC Surfraz Hussain on 01582 473330.

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Politician says no to gay weddings

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A COUNCILLOR has come out against gay marriage.

Richard Stay *(pictured)*, who represents Caddington for Central Bedfordshire Council, has said if he could vote in Parliament on the issue he would not endorse it.

The Coalition Government has committed to legislate for gay marriage by 2015 and last week US President Barack Obama said in an interview that he backed gay marriage.

Cllr Stay, who is also executive member for external affairs, said: "I like to think of myself as a reasonably tolerant person but I have the view that the institution of marriage is between a man and a woman. It may not be a popular view but I think marriage was intended to be between men and women for raising children

"I think I can say with a high degree of certainty that this is not an issue that many people in Central Bedfordshire worry about.

"Changing the institution of marriage would be a step too far. Reform of the House of Lords and gay marriage are hardly life changing events for people in the UK - we should be focusing on economic prosperity and paying off the national debt.

"If it came to it and I was a member of Parliament I would vote against it. It is a perfectly reasonable position to hold which provides a safe place to bring up children."

Number of cars stolen via 'fishing'

REPORTS of cars being stolen after burglaries is on the rise in two areas of the town.

Police have received an increased number of calls about vehicles being stolen from Farley Hill and New Town in Luton in the last three weeks.

It is believed that the burglars are taking car keys by 'fishing' them from people's letterboxes and are specifically targeting houses where keys are on display.

A police spokeswoman said: "We have seen an increased recording of incidents of cars being taken during burglaries where unfortunately people have left their car keys in a very obvious place. They are potentially being burgled for that reason in the first place.

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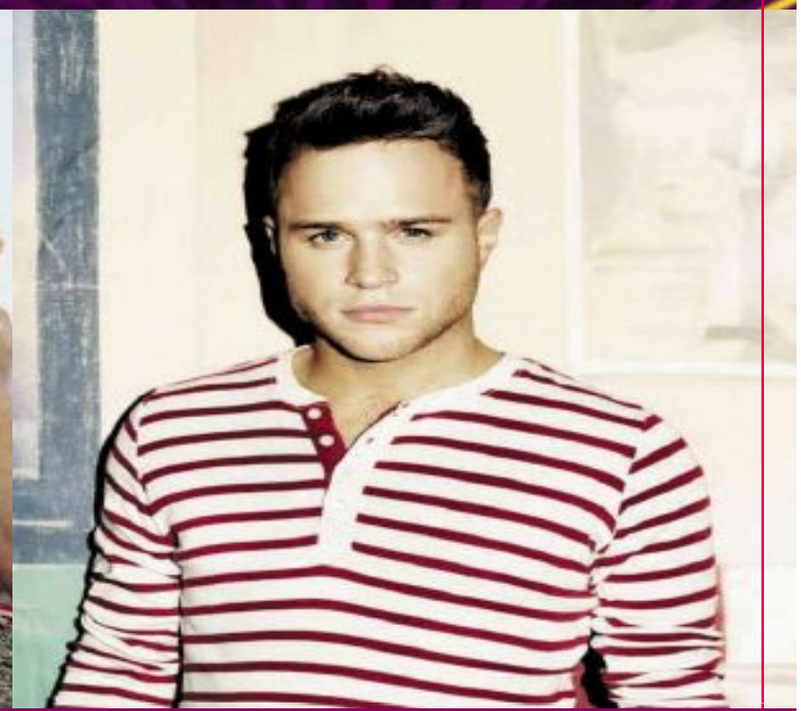

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Homes will get a new lease of life

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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PLANS to turn empty houses back into rentable accommodation have got the go-ahead.

On Tuesday, councillors at Central Bedfordshire Council gave the green light to the strategy which will see neglected homes and other properties renovated so they can be leased.

Since the strategy was approved in 2010, more than 40 long-term empty homes have been returned to occupation and earlier this year, the council successfully submitted a bid for £200,000 of Government funding to bring more empty properties back into use.

The money will be used towards bringing more empty homes back into occupation under a Lease and Repair scheme.

Long-term empty home owners will be offered a set amount of money to repair their house, in return for a five or ten year lease.

Councillors also approved plans which will enable the council to increase its use of high-level enforcement action, including compulsory purchase orders, to tackle the most troublesome empty homes and buildings.

A 'top ten list' of priority empty homes needing attention has been drawn up based on factors, including, length of time the property has been empty, number of complaints received about the property, level of impact upon the surrounding area and the likelihood of the property attracting anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Carole Hegley *(pictured above)* said: "This is a real success story for the council, and shows that when we take decisive action we can make a real difference.

"Getting an empty house back into use, is a 'win win' situation, with benefits for everyone involved – families on the housing waiting list, local neighbours and residents, and long-term empty home owners. This approach is also proven to be more cost effective and sustainable than building new homes."

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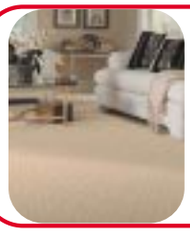

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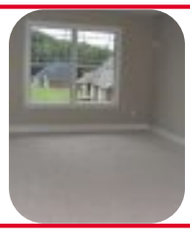

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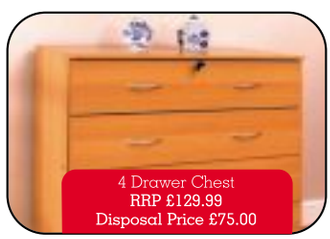

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The trio swapped roles within the company to ensure they all had a chance to learn the different skills required in a commercial TV company and tested all the theories and practical knowledge they had learned in the classroom.

Many moggies in need of new homes

BY LUI STRACCIA
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THE RSPCA has said there are too many abandoned cats in Bedfordshire.

The charity is desperately looking for new homes for an array of cats currently in its care.

It said its Bedfordshire branch is currently facing an uphill struggle trying to find new homes for the cats, and is now appealing to animal lovers to help.

Staff and volunteers fear some people may be reluctant to rehome a cat which has come from a neglected home, because of concerns it may not adapt to its new environment.

Gayle Simpkins, Bedfordshire RSPCA branch manager, said: "In Bedfordshire there are still too many cats that, through no fault of their own, have been abandoned and are in the care of the RSPCA's foster carers, or in a local cattery.

"We just hope that if people are considering buying a cat, they won't go out and buy a kitten. Try and rescue one that is in need of a loving home instead and by doing this you can help to be part of the solution, rather than part of the problem".

The charity wants to 'emphasise to the potential adopters that all the cats looking for new homes all just need a loving new owner who will look after them and give them the second chance they so desperately deserve'.

If you think you can give one of one of the branch's cats a permanent, loving home visit www.rspca-bedfordshirenorth.org.uk

All cats are neutered, vaccinated and microchipped before being rehomed, although an adoption fee of £70 per cat is asked for, which is used to support other animals in the charity's care.

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Final homes at Wigmore Fields are selling fast

AWARD-WINNING local estate agency Connells in Luton is urging anyone who is interested in buying one of the stunning new-build homes at Wigmore Fields in Stopsley to act now in order to avoid disappointment.

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Residents are close to nearby villages like Tea Green or Cockenhoe, but also Luton town centre with its shops and various amenities.

For families, there are a number of local schools and the area offers excellent transport links via the M1 and Luton Airport.

Daniel Gray, New Homes Manager for Connells, said: "Wigmore Fields is a charming development with some fantastic new homes. We have seen a great deal of interest in the properties due to the quality of the homes and their location, which is why we are urging those who would like to buy one of the remaining homes to get in touch."

Joe Powell recently purchased a new home at Wigmore Fields and couldn't be happier with his decision.

He said: "I was very impressed with the quality of the new homes at Wigmore Fields.

"They were finished to a very high standard.

"The location of the property was a key selling point for me. The home I ended up buying was perfect for what I needed.

"I am very happy with my new home and the development overall."

If you are interested in viewing one of the remaining three bedroom new homes at Wigmore Fields, with prices starting from £184,950, call Eve at the sales centre on 0845 437 9702, or Connells in Stopsley on 01582 737069.

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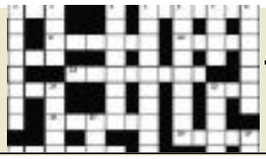

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The man with not just one voice. . .

INTERVIEW

WHEN I was told I would be speaking to 'The Man With 10,000 voices' Michael Winslow I thought this may be a clash of Adam "big gob" Thompson meets Sergeant "motor mouth" Jones and for once I would be happy to concede the dual.

I was put through to Michael's New York Hotel room expected to be greeted by a man bursting with all the energy of a shaken-up drink can.

Instead the voice on the other end was calm, chatty and excited - something that has won his show rave reviews from critics.

Michael starts his interview with me by saying: "I saw Steve Guttenberg the other day."

I spluttered out a reply: "Really? How's he doing?" as if he was someone I actually knew!

"He's good, we were talking about Police Academy 8 which is in production at the moment. I really can't wait to get going on it," he added.

I told him how my friends from back home had never once took an interest in my work and as soon I mentioned Michael Winslow my phone went crazy supplying me with questions.

He laughed and modestly said: "I'm really excited that the fans over in the UK are excited.

"This will be the first time I've come over there for any significant time. I was there a couple of months ago and met a unique guy you have in England called Keith Lemon. Wow, he is like Russell Brand on acid!"

I couldn't disagree. Michael's UK tour will see him start in Bath, hitting the bright lights of Hereford, a night in Stockton-on-Tees before finishing in Leicester at the end of June.

He said "I'm very fortuitous to get to travel the whole country. For some reason Swindon seems to get a lot of insults and jokes about it from people so I have been told to wear a helmet if I ever go there."

So is there anything that the British fans can expect which pokes fun at them?: "I have a few surprises in store which I won't let out of the box quite yet. I do know that I saw the guys changing the Guinness barrels when I was in the UK last time so I worked hard on their accent and the girls who were getting their nails done at the salon so I have been working on doing those voices too."

ADAM THOMPSON

■ Michael Winslow will be performing his "Man With 10,000 Voices" at The Alban Arena, St Albans, on Saturday at 7.30pm.

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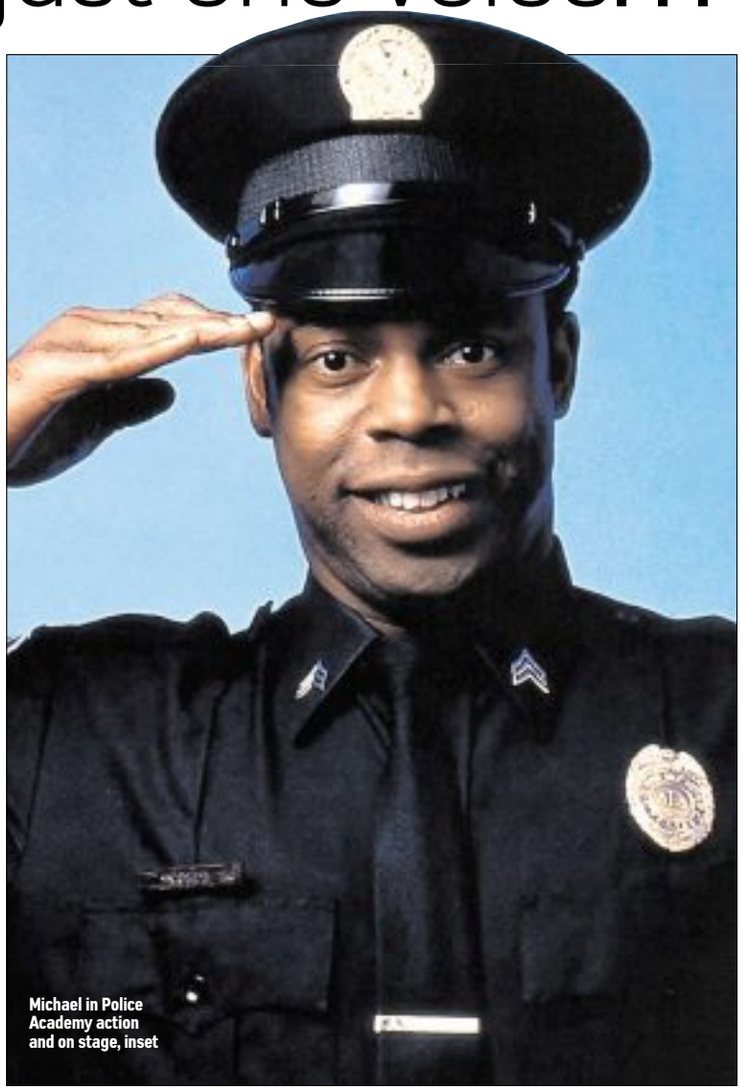

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CHANNEL 4'S COMEDY GALA

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For any true aficionado of the art of stand-up, this comedy extravaganza has become a high-point on the calendar, despite this being only its third year now. The must-see benefit gig-to-end-all-benefit gigs once again comes from the O2 in London, with all the proceeds going to Great Ormond Street Hospital. A look at the bill will tease your funny-bone with just a smidgen of apprehension for a full-on assault: confirmed acts include such luminaries as Lee Evans, Michael McIntyre and Jo Brand. For fans of up-and-coming acts, there's Paul Chowdhury and Andi Osho plus a music performance by Jessie J.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.30** Penguin Island. (R) **2.00** Tiger – Spy in the Jungle. (R) **3.00** The Queen's Palaces. (R) **4.00** Lifeline. **4.10** Points of View. **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Chelsea Flower Show 2012.

6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.25 Countryfile. Matt Baker, Ellie Harrison and John Craven explore Dumfries and Galloway. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.25 The Voice UK Results. Jessie J and Danny O'Donoghue lose two more acts each.
8.00 Planet Earth Live. Richard Hammond and Julia Bradbury present further wildlife updates, including the progress of Kenyan lion cub Moja and his mum, and bear cubs Herbie and Fern in Minnesota.
9.00 Death in Paradise. Richard investigates the murder of a voodoo priestess. (R)
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Satirical quiz.
11.10 FILM: Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy. (2004) Newsroom comedy, starring Will Ferrell.

12.40 Weatherview. **12.45** Sign Zone: Ewan McGregor: Cold Chain Mission. (R) **1.45** Holby City. (R) **2.45** Witness to Auschwitz. (R) **3.15** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **4.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Athletics: Great Manchester Run. Live coverage of the 10km race. **12.30** Live MotoGP. The French Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.00** Boxing. **3.30** Athletics: Great Manchester City Games. Live coverage from the city centre. **5.00** Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) **5.45** Flog It! (R)

6.10 FILM: Deep Impact. (1998) A reporter investigating a presidential misdemeanour stumbles on evidence that a comet is on a collision course with Earth. Sci-fi drama, starring Robert Duvall, Tea Leoni and Morgan Freeman.
8.00 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. Simon journeys from Oman to the Maldives, where the tropical coral islands are being damaged by bleaching and one entire island has been turned into a stinking, toxic landfill dump.
9.00 Coast. The lifestyles and history of some of the most extreme locations in Britain, including the Isles of Scilly, Branscombe Cliff, Devon, and St David's Head, Pembrokeshire.
10.00 FILM: Man on Wire. (2008) Documentary about a tightrope walk between the World Trade Centre towers.
11.30 Episodes. Matt buys Sean a sports car. (R)

12.00 Grandma's House. (R) **12.30** Film: Sugar. (2008) Sporting drama, starring Algenis Perez Soto. **2.15** BBC News. **4.00** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.35** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **2.40** Film: Columbo: Now You See Him. (1976) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **4.30** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **5.30** You've Been Framed! (R)

6.00 Harry Hill's TV Burp. Classic clips and skits from previous series, featuring a fight between Mr Blobby and Phil Mitchell, and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall trying his hand at intensive chicken farming. (R)
6.25 Regional News; Weather.
6.40 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Couples Special. Contestants include Eamonn Holmes and Ruth Langsford, plus Paddy McGuinness and his wife.
8.00 Vera. The ugly truth about a murder victim's past begins to emerge when the body of a drug dealer washes up on a beach, while Vera copes with revelations of her own. Last in the series.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 FILM: 10,000 BC. (2008) Prehistoric fantasy adventure, starring Steven Strait.

12.05 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.10** River Monsters. (R) **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freesports on 4. **7.30** Freesports on 4. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.15** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.45** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.15** The Simpsons. (R) **1.45** The Simpsons. (R) **2.20** Film: Bride and Prejudice. (2004) Romantic Bollywood-style comedy, starring Aishwarya Rai and Martin Henderson. **4.30** Film: Bandslam. (2009) Premiere. Musical, starring Gaelan Connell.

6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 4thought.tv. A short discussion about forgiveness.
7.05 Four Rooms. Items on sale include Winston Churchill's gold dentures. Last in the series.
8.00 Celebrity Deal or No Deal. Katie Price takes part in the game show, trying to guess the value of the mystery boxes and win up to £250,000 for her chosen charity.
9.00 Channel 4's Comedy Gala. Jessie J opens the third annual charity event in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital, with the line-up also featuring Lee Evans, Michael McIntyre, Jonathan Ross and Keith Lemon.
11.35 The Inbetweeners. The friends go clubbing in London. (R)

12.10 The Inbetweeners. (R) **12.40** Film: Do Dooni Chaar. (2010) Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Rishi Kapoor. **2.35** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Mio Mao. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Funky Town. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.20** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.15** The Restaurant Inspector. (R) **12.15** Film: Murder at the Gallop. (1963) **1.55** Film: Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home. (1995) Family adventure, starring Jason James Richter. **3.45** Film: Tinker Bell and the Great Fairy Rescue. (2010) Animated fantasy, with the voice of Mae Whitman. **5.05** Film: Hercules. (1997) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Tate Donovan.

6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 Cricket on 5.
8.00 Once Upon a Time.
9.00 Norway Massacre: The Survivors.
10.00 FILM: Perfect Stranger. (2007) Suspense thriller, starring Halle Berry and Bruce Willis.

12.10 The Walking Dead. (R) **1.30** SuperCasino. **4.00** The FBI Files. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
4.35 Film: Free Willy (1993) **6.55** Film: Happy Feet (2006) **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** The Exclusives **11.45** Film: The World Is Not Enough (1999)

ITV3
2.40 The Railway Children **4.40** Wycliffe **5.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** Film: Steptoe and Son Ride Again (1973) **10.00** Taggart. The team is drawn into the world of a strict religious sect. Last in the series. **11.00** Cracker

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Deccan Chargers v Royal Challengers Bangalore and Rajasthan Royals v Mumbai Indians. **8.00** Film: The Magnificent Seven Ride! (1972) **10.00** Film: A Dangerous Man (2010) **11.55** Film: Coogan's Bluff (1968)

BBC THREE
7.00 World's Craziest Fools **7.30** England's Worst Ever Football Team **9.00** Family Guy Best Freakin' Top Two **10.00** Family Guy **10.40** American Dad! **11.30** Snog, Marry, Avoid?

BBC FOUR
7.00 Tales of Television Centre **8.30** Hancock **9.00** Film: Mongol: The Rise to Power of Genghis Khan. (2008) Historical drama, starring Tadanobu Asano. **11.00** Timewatch: The Secret History of Genghis Khan **11.50** Barry Manilow at the BBC

E4
3.55 Glee **4.50** 90210 **5.45** The Big Bang Theory **6.40** Film: Take the Lead (2006) **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** 2 Broke Girls **11.25** Made in Chelsea

FILM4
1.55 CutThroat Island (1995) **5.20** Nacho Libre (2006) **7.05** Monster-in-Law. (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Lopez and Jane Fonda. **9.05** Men in Black. (1997) Sci-fi comedy, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. **10.55** The Escapist. (2008) British jail-break thriller, starring Brian Cox.

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'Let's turn bad season into a good one'

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Keith KEANE

Keith Keane

HE may have already experienced glory on Wembley's hallowed turf but with Luton back at the stadium today, Keith Keane says he's possibly more excited than any of his team-mates.

The talismanic midfielder was part of the 2009 Johnstone's Paint Trophy winning Town team when they beat Scunthorpe United 3-2 in extra time.

While that day was a party before the crushing blow of relinquishing their Football League status for the first time in 89 years, this afternoon's Blue Square Bet Premier play-off final gives Keane the chance to return to League Two after three years in the non-league wilderness.

The born and bred Lutonian said: "Everyone is looking forward to playing at Wembley. It's what you want to do in your career and it will be a special occasion.

"I think, if you've already played there you look forward to it more because you realise how special it is to play there.

"I'd say I'm more excited than the people that haven't been there."

It is certainly an occasion to savour for Keane, who freely admits that most of the Luton team didn't even expect to be in the play-offs after a run of eight games without a win in March saw them slip from third to seventh and out of the play-off places.

He said: "Ninety per cent of the players, even if they won't say it, wouldn't have thought we'd even get in to the play-offs, let alone make the final.

"It's been a good turnaround and hopefully we can turn a bad season into a good one."

Like the 2009 Wembley win over then Championship bound Scunthorpe, Keane believes once again that his side are the underdogs against rivals York, but that the expectations today are different.

"We were playing a side that got promotion to the Championship and we got relegated to the Conference," he said. "No-one expected us to win but we did and it was a great day for everyone.

"This time we are trying to get the club back in the Football League and hopefully we can do that. The lads that played last year know what it's like to lose in a final so we definitely don't want that feeling again.

"It's going to be a very tough game but hopefully we can play well and get us up.

"I'd say we are still underdogs against York. They finished higher than us, they've been better than us this season.

"I'm sure there are plenty of people that still expect and believe that we can beat them.

"We believe we can win if we play well enough on the day.

"Hopefully we'll take them by surprise but all that matters is the result and hopefully we can get that and go up."

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'Walker was liked but that all goes out the window'

George PILKINGTON

BY MARC BAZELEY
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GEORGE Pilkington and his Luton Town team-mates will be putting any friendship with York City striker Jason Walker on hold when the two sides meet at Wembley this afternoon.

Walker's 18 league goals this season have helped fire the Minstermen into the Blue Square Bet Premier play-off final following his move from Kenilworth Road last summer.

Combined with the wide threats of Matty Blair and Ashley Chambers, it makes York a potent attacking force, and centre half Pilkington is well aware of what to expect.

"The lads all liked Jason and we've got a lot of respect for him, but that all goes out of the window," said the skipper. "They're a footballing team, they attack with pace and try to slide balls into Blair on the right and Chambers on the left.

"We know Jason him and he is a very good attacking footballer. His all-round game is very good and we've got to be on our game at the back, but also going the other way we're good enough ourselves."

However, Luton's defence has been in a rich vein of form recently with the Hatters keeping six clean sheets since Paul Buckle took over as manager.

Pilkington has noticed a turn around in all aspects of their play since the new boss arrived, although he knows there can be no complacency today.

He said: "We had a spell where we were conceding from set pieces and we seem to have rectified that and been a lot more dogged.

"We've probably had a few results in the last few weeks that we wouldn't have had a couple of months ago.

"Since the manager has taken over there has been a steady improvement in our play throughout the defence and attack and it is looking good. We're in a good place now, we've had some good results in recent weeks, but we're not naive enough to think that York is going to be an easy game.

"We've struggled against them in the past, there is some history there, so we've got our work cut out on Sunday and we've all got to be on top of our game."

Both Luton and York have suffered heartbreak in the Conference play-off final in recent seasons, with City going down 3-1 to Oxford United in 2010.

Meanwhile, AFC Wimbledon shattered Town's dreams of a return to the Football League in a penalty shoot-out at the City of Manchester Stadium last year. Pilkington is now looking forward to banishing those memories once and for all, particularly as he regards leading the Hatters out at Wembley as the pinnacle of his career.

He said: "We obviously failed last year in the play-off final and being at Wembley this year does add that little ten or 15 per cent to it, but the main prize is getting back into the Football League.

"There is going to be a lot of pressure on us, but there are a lot of players that have experience of playing in big games and hopefully that will carry us through.

"From what I remember of last year we could have probably won it in full-time and lost it in extra time, and penalty shoot-outs are a bit of a lottery anyway. We were unlucky last year and it's our third attempt in this division. It's a very tough division going through the play-offs, so fingers crossed it is our year this year."

HEADING UP?: George Pilkington hopes to lead Luton to the Football League

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'We are a different Luton now... we won't

Paul BUCKLE

PAUL Buckle's first match day experience with Luton Town was not a pleasant one. Yet he feels that seeing the 3-1 defeat at Braintree Town back in early April was the best thing that could have happened.

Just one day after being confirmed as Gary Brabin's successor, the 41-year-old travelled with the team to the Amlin Stadium where they suffered a chastening defeat. That, says Buckle, is where he realised what needed to be changed.

"Sometimes things can be masked or camouflaged in training, but certainly when I looked at that first game it made me feel physically sick because I was connected with them that day," he recalls.

"I was sitting up in the stand watching and I was desperate to give them some home truths, and they got it that night.

"I didn't mince my words afterwards. I didn't like anything about the day, I didn't like anything about the run-in afterwards – it was pathetic and had to change."

Buckle believes he has brought more energy and discipline to the club as less than two months later they are just 90 minutes away from returning to the Football League after three seasons in the non-league wilderness.

The manager was also quick to praise the players for buying into his philosophy and has praised them for earning a shot at promotion against York City in the Blue Square Bet Premier play-off final at Wembley this afternoon.

This will be the fifth time that York and Luton have faced off against each other this season – having played each other in the league and FA Trophy – with the Hatters failing to overcome City in any of those games. However, Buckle will not be reviewing the DVDs of those games – partly because he was at the Tropl week ago as York beat Newport Co O, and partly because he feels that have little bearing on this contest.

"We're a different Luton now," sai "They faced up against a Luton tha running out of steam, in my opinio whatever reason.

"We were running out of steam a or 80 minutes, which I saw a little when I first came in. But we're not run out steam today.

"The lads are getting fitter and fit on the that side of things it was a g to up the ante in training but we ha it. I just think we are a totally differ now. If you look at the clean sheets have had and the way we play the now – you have to be fit and certa games before have no relevance a

Buckle has previous experience o Conference play-off final, having g Torquay United to promotion in 20

Mark TYLER

'Football League is reason I'm a Hatter'

IT may be two years later than planned but Hatter Mark Tyler has revealed that the chance to help the club back into the Football League was one of the motivating factors in joining them.

The goalkeeper is one of a select few in the current squad who have experienced every high and low of life for Luton in the non-league.

He hoped that it would take one season to return to League Two, though today's opponents York City put the mockers on that dream, dumping Town out of the 2010 Blue Square Bet Premier play-offs at the semi-final stage.

Last year it was penalty shoot-out heartbreak in the final against AFC Wimbledon, but Luton have clawed their way to their second successive showpiece today.

At Wembley they could be 90 minutes from fulfilling the only obsession that has consumed them for three seasons - a return to the Football League.

"It's the reason I came here," admits Tyler *(pictured below)*. "It's a massive club. Mick [Harford] was trying to get me the year before they went down but I was reluctant because I'd never moved clubs. I was at Peterborough for 14 years but I knew I wasn't going to play in the last year of my contract.

"A loan spell at Bury got my appetite back, so I said to Mick that, although they were in the Conference, they are a big team.

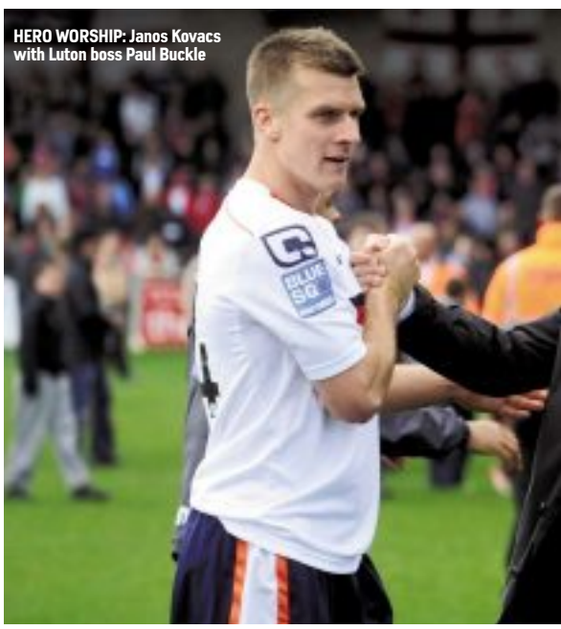
"I wanted to be part of getting them back into the Football League. It hasn't turned out but this is a massive club.

"Look at the fans we are taking to Wembley. Everyone says we don't deserve to be in the Conference but that's where we are at the moment. It's taken a little while for us to realise that. We've got to get ourselves out of it and get that respect again.

"We are at the bottom at the moment so we've got to work our way up."

At the age of 35, Tyler's appearance today will see him complete a rare Wembley double of having played at the old and the new stadium, having won there with Posh.

"I'm showing my age now but it's the best place to play football," he said. "Any time you get to play at Wembley should be a special occasion . It's the home of our country and there are lots of people who have graced that stage. I'm lucky enough that this will be my second time and I'm really looking forward to it."



HERO WORSHIP: Janos Kovacs with Luton boss Paul Buckle

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Janos KOVACS

DEFENSIVE rock Janos Kovacs can hardly wait to follow in the footsteps of his national hero and grace the famous Wembley turf, writes Dan Palmer.

You can barely step foot in his native Hungary without hearing about the country's 6-3 thumping of England at the famous old stadium in 1953, when legendary striker Ferenc Puskas grabbed two of the goals.

The match was dubbed 'game of the century' and the victory has taken on almost iconic status in Hungary, meaning Sunday's play-off showdown is all the more special for the Hatters centre back.

"Puskas is still our biggest hero in football," Kovacs said. "Everyone knows him around the world, and when you say Puskas people say he had a good left foot, maybe the best left foot. Like him, I'm so happy chance to step on that pitch. eign player and to play in already a great achievement a To play at Wembley in a pla even more so."

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Although Kovacs' responsi be at the other end of the pi upon some of the qualities, sh compatriot will be key for g York.

"We just have to win it, it do how," he said. "We're going to passion, and of course quality

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However, he also knows what it is like to suffer defeat at Wembley.

He said: "I lost there at Exeter as an assistant and that is just as painful. It's a great place, but it's only a great place if you win, there is no doubt about that.

"If after the game you can hold your hand on your heart and say that you have given everything on the day and leading up to it – and I mean everything – then you can live with yourself.

"That's why I feel confident, that is why I'm excited to be leading the team out at Wembley. I've got the experience of winning there and I've lost one there as an assistant, so I'll use that on the day and I'll get that across to the players.

"Whatever happens, I won't change my philosophy. I've come to the club to win and be successful.

"I've not come here to rest on my laurels. I want more success in my career and Luton certainly deserve success."

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The 26-year-old, in his second permanent spell with Luton, said that occasions like the play-off final are why he came back to Kenilworth Road.

Five years ago he also spent one-month on loan at today's opponents York City, but as the spell was so short he doesn't have any special feelings for the Minstermen.

If Luton do prevail at Wembley, Kovacs has no doubt that the club can flourish back in the promised land of the Football League.

He said: "I think if you look at the top ten clubs in the Conference, all of them could stay in League Two easily.

"Luton Town, this club, with its support and history, I think we are good enough to stay in League One.

"However, all of these conversations are pointless because at the end of the day we were in the Conference this season.

"But hopefully no more."

Play-off final inside track

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League finish: 4th (83pts)
Semi-final v Mansfield:
1st leg (h): 1-1
2nd leg (a): 1-0
Aggregate score: 2-1

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2nd leg (a): 2-1
Aggregate score: 3-2

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Luton 1 York 1

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Key men

JASON WALKER
Matty Blair has scored the crucial goals for York in the last few months to put them into the FA Trophy final at Luton's expense and then again in the showpiece at Wembley last week in the 2-0 over Newport County.

But the scene could be set for Jason Walker to haunt his old club today.

The striker was signed by Luton from Barrow in the November of 2010 but struggled to make his mark in the Hatters side.

He netted six times in 23 appearances and was only the width of a post away from sending Town back to the Football League in extra time of last year's play-off final. He then went on to miss one of two Luton penalties in the shoot-out that saw hearts broken.

He switched to Bootham Crescent in the summer for £60,000, and with 18 goals in 32 league appearances, don't bet against him being a nuisance today. Luton centre backs Janos Kovacs and George Pilkington will have to be their mettle to marshall him.

ANDRE GRAY
The 20-year-old striker has been a revelation since signing for Luton from Hinckley United in March for £30,000.

A goal in each of his first four games for the Hatters created a new club record, but it's his partnership with Stuart Fleetwood which helped Town put together a run of six unbeaten games to squeeze into the play-offs.

The pair then ran riot on the semi-final first leg against Wrexham, each netting to take a 2-0 led to Wales.

Seven goals in 13 appearances so far have earned him a first ever call-up to the England C squad. The hope will be that the former Shrewsbury forward can fire Luton back to the Football League and ensure that the trip to Russia in the International Challenge Trophy next month with the non-league Three Lions side will be his last.

HOTSHOT: Andre Gray

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HAPPY HATTER: Eric Morecambe

Gary SWEET

BY JAMES CUNLIFFE
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PHOTOGRAPHS of Luton Town's most famous supporter have been highlighting how happy the Hatters camp is in the build up to today's crunch play-off final, according to Gary Sweet.

Quite rightly, images of comedy legend Eric Morecambe's glittering showbiz career decorate the Kenilworth Road suite named after him.

In a strange coincidence one picture, which the managing director was particularly drawn to, shows the funny man and former club director stood under a signpost which points in two directions. One way points to York – today's Wembley opponents – while the other shows the way to his beloved Luton.

Sweet said: "I keep looking up at that picture of Eric Morecambe and just thinking how much he'd love it.

"We are here with smiles on our faces this week and we've been looking at pictures of Eric Morecambe all over the place. It's the kind of atmosphere we've got."

The managing director revealed that, compared to the past two Blue Square Bet Premier play-off campaigns, the build up to today's promotion decider feels: "Amazingly calmer."

He added: "We've got the experience. The organisation has been done so I think we are surprisingly serene at the moment.

Gary Sweet

"Obviously, we are quite anxious. We'd prefer to play the game in an hour, get it going and see it through.

"The reason why we are in the business – why the players are playing and the gaffer is managing – is for games like this.

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Over the course of this evening at the reunion it becomes increasingly apparent that the people with John were more involved in the night of her death than he ever suspected.

John finally works out the terrible truth about how Suzannah died, and is forced to answer the horrifying question - what is he going to do about it?

Kiss Chase, the brand new thriller from the writer of Trial and Retribution has a star cast that includes Stephen Beckett whose television credits include The Bill and Coronation Street. Jenny Funnell who starred as Sandy in As Time Goes By and Marcus Hutton who portrayed Nathan Cuddington in Brookside.

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So come along, enjoy the experience of this wonderful music performed live by the top vocalists and musicians in the UK and Europe, who have a genuine feel and love for these songs and arrangements. The show features a whole host of new arrangements played by the famous Kings of Swing Orchestra lead by Paul Francis.

The Kings of Swing stars singer Joe Corrigan who was born in Luton and attended Cardinal Newman R.C School and is currently living in Dunstable.

Joe is widely regarded as one of the finest swing singers and song stylists performing today. Joe has performed many times at some of the worlds most prestigious venues including Café de Paris, The Ritz, Skibo Castle, Badrutts Palace - St Moritz and Wembley Stadium.

He has appeared on BBC's Celebrity Fame Academy and has most recently being chosen to perform for the ITV's This Morning's 21st Anniversary celebrations held at Studio Valbonne London.

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Tickets are £9 each, £7 for concessions, £5 with a Culture Card or only £2 for under 26s; plus, there's a pre-theatre meal for only £6 at the Hat Factory Kitchen cafe.

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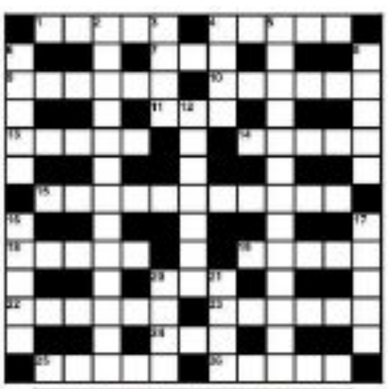

THE THINKER

ACROSS
1 Put up with the Italian, despite the surroundings (5)
4 Might be found in maniac, curiously (5)
7 We're told to get money from container (3)
9 Brood about the mess (6)
10 Whine about Mary and me (6)
11 Loud animal – and a sly one (3)
13 Join the girl who's about right (5)
14 At first his relative gets dog (5)
15 Violet broke wrist in a novel way (6,5)
18 Small man with energy will follow at speed (5)
19 Waterproofing material for the ground (5)
20 Turn up with the man with the money (3)
22 Conditional release of normal Spanish approval (6)
23 A shining land (6)
24 Starts from Africa, really remote (3)
25 I stop moving to postulate (5)
26 Boat travelling east and west (5)

DOWN
2 Intervals when minister's in – so convenient (13)
3 Take a gamble with this accountant (4)
4 Sexy Norse man turns up holding decorative stone (4)
5 Working with boy implicit at crime (13)
6 Poor building, step back, might collapse (5)
8 Strong man eats butter (not all the time) (5)
12 Away with anger and scandal (7)
16 Policeman in London area has room for action (5)
17 Shout fire! Get water supply (5)
20 Lift top off in robbery (4)
21 Disciple of correct work (4)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK
ACROSS: 2.Half 4.Games 7.Owe 9.Sheen 10.Virus 11.Grill 12.Orbe 13.Liszt 15.Tweet 16.Sauna 18.Rifle 20.None 21.Earns 22.Cease 23.Flair 24.Nun 25.Enter 26.Swat
DOWN: 1.Convalescence 2.Hearts 3.Fuse 4.Gangster 5.Mobile 6.Spill the beans 8.Detrimental 14.Transfer 17.Uproar 19.Flaunt 22.Crow

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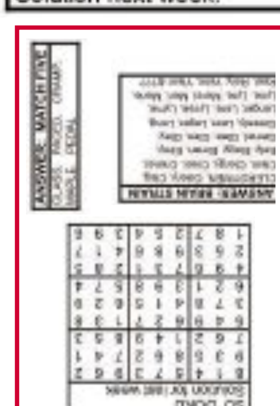

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Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Insects
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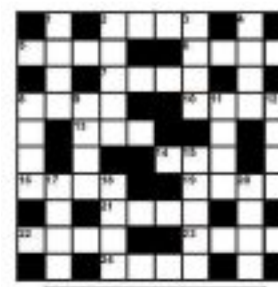

QUICKSOLVE?

ACROSS
2.On holiday (4)
5.Money (4)
6.Black (4)
7.Sit (4)
8.Notoriety (4)
10.For seeing (4)
13.Chopper (3)
14.Cat (3)
16.Smack (4)
19.Ran (4)
21.Frill (4)
22.A drink (4)
23.Nasty (4)
24.Put on (4)

DOWN
1.Stupor (4)
2.Attach (5)
3.Yellowhammer (4)
4.A fruit (4)
8.Worry (4)
9.Majesty (4)
11.Cry (4)
12.Peak (4)
15.Tender (5)
17.Keen (4)
18.Increased (4)
20.Latin poet (4)

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How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 13 Maestro: 24+

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O	P	P	S	I	C	C
L	R	U	L	E	R	A
G	L	A	D	E	P	P

MATCH FIVE

Amongst all the five letter words, can you find the five that appear in both grids? (Forwards, backwards, up, down, straight or diagonal)

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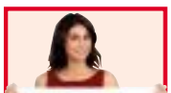
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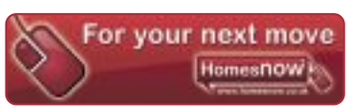

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Please ring to arrange a visit if you wish to find out more about us. Further details and application forms are available from the school. CVs are not acceptable.

Closing date for applications 3.00 pm Friday 1st June 2012.

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Please contact Sonia Turner, for more details regarding this post on 01582 415791.

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Closing date: 24 May 2012. **Ref: 40/0398**
Interview date: 29 May 2012.

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We welcome applications from ethnic minority candidates who are currently under represented in this work area. Section 38 (ii) RRA.

We are very proud of our school and excellent resources. We encourage and welcome visits.

For an application form and further details please contact Mrs J Miller, Head Teacher, at the school address, call 01582 721019 or email: richmond.hill.admin@luton.gov.uk

Closing date: 31 May 2012. **Ref: 40/0443**
Interview date: 18 June 2012.

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KS2 Class Teacher

MPS/UPS
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We are looking for someone who:

- Is sympathetic to the aims and ethos of our Catholic school
- Is an enthusiastic and good classroom practitioner, committed to achieving high standards in all areas
- Is willing to co-ordinate a subject area
- Enjoys working as part of a team.

A visit to the school is encouraged to fully appreciate what the school can offer to the right candidate.

For an application form and further details, please contact the Head Teacher, at the school address or call 01582 730781.

Closing date: 31 May 2012. **Ref: 40/0440**

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CULVERHOUSE ROAD, LUTON LU3 1PZ
NOR: 450

Class Teacher

MPS/UPS

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For an application form and further details please contact the Acting Head Teacher, Mrs Bal Kang, at the school address, call 01582 595198 or email: william.austin.infants.head@luton.gov.uk

Closing date: 28 May 2012. **Ref: 40/0445**
Interview date: 30 May 2012.

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Headteacher, Jim Parker

We are an over-subscribed 13-19 Upper School situated on a very attractive site just south of Dunstable. Our recent OFSTED report (October 2011) described the school as rapidly improving with many good features.

TEACHER OF SCIENCE

Required for September 2012 Part-time 0.8 will be considered

We are looking for an imaginative teacher with good classroom presence, who can inspire students with enthusiasm for Science. You will be joining an experienced and friendly department that is forward thinking and well supported.

We have a modern well equipped Science department, with good ICT facilities for staff and students. There will also be opportunities to be involved in cross curricular projects and extra-curricular activities.

For full details of the post and application pack please visit our website www.mansheadschool.co.uk or call our recruitment line 01582 679415 or email office@mansheadschool.co.uk

Closing date : Monday 28th May with interviews to be held later that week.

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Closing date: 28th May 2012

Interviews: 30th May 2012

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- You will provide support to the Team Leader and assist Team members in ensuring that evidence is met to achieve the Level 1 qualification.
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Closing date: 12pm noon Wednesday 30th May 2012
Interviews: 6th and 7th June 2012

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TEACHER OF MATHEMATICS OR GRADUATE (WITH MATHEMATICS RELATED DEGREE)

Required for September 2012 – MPS

We are seeking to appoint an imaginative teacher of Mathematics with good classroom presence, who can inspire students with enthusiasm for Mathematics.

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Closing date : Tuesday 12th June with interviews to be held the following week.

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Closing date: Noon, 24 May 2012. Interview date: 31 May 2012.

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Head teacher: Mrs. J. A. Lee

Class Teacher and RE Subject Leader MPS+TLR2(mid)

Required for September 2012

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We are looking for someone who:

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- Is an enthusiastic and good to outstanding classroom practitioner with a clear vision and commitment to achieving high standards and attainment for all pupils
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- Is committed to developing the full potential of all groups of pupils school wide
- Enjoys working as part of a team and is able to communicate effectively with pupils, staff, parents, governors, the parish and wider community.

We can offer:

- A strong Catholic school community with a friendly staff
- A highly supportive leadership team, committed to raising standards in a welcoming environment
- A school with a clear vision for the future
- Positive, happy children who enjoy learning
- Excellent home, school and parish links
- A well resourced school and stimulating learning environment
- A commitment to your professional development.

A visit to the school is encouraged to fully appreciate what the school can offer to the right candidate. For an application pack please contact Mrs A. Board at the school.

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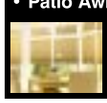

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PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
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Site: 210, The Mall.
Description: Part Change of Use from Class A1/A3 to Class A2 (Financial and Professional Services).
Application No.: 12/00561/COU
Conservation Area
The application and submitted details can be inspected using Public Access, the on-line planning service at www.eplan.luton.gov.uk and enter the application number into the Application Search. This site can be accessed at any library free of charge. If you wish to discuss the proposal, please contact the Case Officer on Luton 546317.
Any representations concerning the proposal should be made to the Development Control Manager within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number above. This can be done in writing or on-line through public access.
Dated 20th May 2012
Development Control Manager

LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
NOTICE IS GIVEN UNDER
TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE ORDER 1995

Site: St Aldates Court, St Ives Close
Description: Retention of 34 flats and conversion of a flat and communal rooms to create 6 new flats.
Application No: 12/00528/FUL Major Development
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Dated: 20th May 2012
Development Control Manager

Public Notices

Luton Borough Council
Housing and Community Living Department
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
TENDER FOR CONVERSION OF DISTRICT HEATING TO INDIVIDUAL GAS FIRED BOILER INSTALLATIONS.

Expressions of interest are sought from suitably qualified and experienced Contractors to tender for the conversion from a district heating system to an individual gas fired boiler installation to two High Rise Accommodation blocks.
Contractors who wish to apply for inclusion on the tender list will need to be able to demonstrate experience in domestic boiler installations and provide references for similar types of installation.
To submit an expression of interest, application should be made in writing to the person below to arrive by not later than: **Friday 8th June 2012.**
Applicants are required to complete the Council's Pre-Qualification Questionnaire, which must be returned by: **12 Noon Friday 15th June 2012.**
Tender documents will be despatched to successful Contractors during the week commencing: **Monday 2nd July 2012.**

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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (VARIOUS ROADS) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) (NO.7) ORDER 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on 14th May 2012 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).
The Order will come into operation 20th May 2012 and cease operation after a period of 18 months or when the proposed works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Order will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.
The effect of the Order will allow the Council to close to traffic the roads and length of roads in the schedule below. The Order is intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described above.
The purpose of the Order is to enable carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.
Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic will be marked by signs.
20th May 2012
Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager
Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Adelaide Street	From its junction with Wellington Street to its junction with Princess Street
Ashwell Avenue	At its junction with Sundon Park Road
Banbury Close	The whole length
Hazelbury Crescent	From its junction with Dunstable Road to its junction with Avondale Road
Hibbert Street	From its junction with Ashton Road to its junction with Albert Road
Ninth Avenue	From its junction with Third Avenue to its roundabout junction with Fourth Avenue
St Monicas Avenue	From its junction with St Ives Close to its roundabout junction with St Margarets Avenue and St Augustine Avenue
Round Green Roundabout (Hitchin Road junction with Stockingstone Road)	Roundabout
Swasedale Road	From opposite No.113 to opposite No.125
Tenzing Grove	From its junction with Meyrick Avenue to its junction with Hunts Close
The Parade	The whole length
Wellington Street	From its junction with Adelaide Street to its junction with Stuart Street

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

Central Bedfordshire

(KATHERINE DRIVE SHOP ACCESS ROAD, DUNSTABLE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council has made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along the full length of the shop access road in Katherine Drive, Dunstable.

This temporary closure is required to enable carriageway and footway surfacing work to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place over THREE WEEKS from Monday 21 May to Friday 8 June 2012 between 8am and 6pm. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

There is no alternative route available for this closure.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 21 May 2012 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049.

(QUEENSWAY, VERNON PLACE AND COURT DRIVE, DUNSTABLE) (TEMPORARY ONE WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Central Bedfordshire Council has made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding generally north-easterly along the following lengths of road in Dunstable:-

1. Queensway from the A5 High Street North to Vernon Place.
2. Vernon Place from Queensway to Court Drive.
3. Court Drive from Vernon Place to College Drive.

This temporary one way prohibition of traffic is required to enable bus lane construction work to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

It is expected that the works will take place from Monday 21 May to Friday 28 September 2012 inclusive, 24 hours. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The alternative route available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order is:-

From junction with Queensway proceed south on A5 High St North to the A505, Church St. Turn left and continue on Church St to Kingsway. Turn left and continue on Kingsway to College Drive and site.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 21 May 2012 for a period of six months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earliest.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel: 0300 300 8049.

(COPT HALL ROAD, HYDE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle, except a vehicle being used for fire, police or ambulance purposes in an emergency, from proceeding along the full length of Copt Hall Road, Hyde.

This temporary closure is required to enable carriageway surfacing works to take place and shall apply to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place over FOUR WEEKS from Wednesday 6 June to Tuesday 3 July 2012 between 8am and 6pm. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

The alternative routes available for vehicles affected by the proposed Order are:-

Proceed on B653 Lower Harpenden Rd in a southerly direction to crossroads with Chiltern Green Rd at New Mill End. Turn left and continue on Chiltern Green Rd to Dane St. Turn left and continue on Dane St to Copt Hall Rd. Turn left and continue on Copt Hall Rd to site and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 6 June 2012 for a period of four months or until the proposed works have been completed, as detailed above, whichever is the earlier.

For further information please contact Central Bedfordshire Highways, Tel. 0300 300 8049.

DATED 16 May 2012

Central Bedfordshire Council
Technology House, Ampthill Road
Bedford MK42 9BD

Basil Jackson
Assistant Director for Highways

Luton Borough Council Housing and Community Living Department

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

TENDER FOR COMMUNAL BOILER RENEWALS

Expressions of interest are sought from suitably qualified and experienced Contractors to tender for replacement communal boilers, hot water systems, associated pipework and radiators to two sheltered accommodation blocks.

Contractors who wish to apply for inclusion on the tender list will need to be able to demonstrate experience in non domestic boiler installations and provide references for similar types of installation.

To submit an expression of interest, application should be made in writing to the person below to arrive by not later than: **Friday 8th June 2012.**

Applicants are required to complete the Council's Pre-Qualification Questionnaire, which must be returned by **12 noon on Friday 22nd June 2012.**

Tender documents will be despatched to successful Contractors during the week commencing: **Monday 9th July 2012.**

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LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, intends to make the below Orders under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).
The effect of the Orders will allow the Council to close to traffic the roads and length of roads in the Schedules below. The Orders are intended to create a window for the works to be done and it is anticipated that the works will be completed over a period within the dates described as below. Specific times and dates will be signed locally. The Orders will cease operation after the stated period or when the proposed works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. The Orders will therefore be in operation when signs are displayed.

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (CHEAPSIDE) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

The Order will come into operation on 11th June 2012 and cease operation after 13th June 2012. The purpose of the Order is to enable carriageway proactive patching works to be carried out.

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Cheapside.	From the junction with Guildford Street to the junction with John Street.

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (LIBRARY ROAD) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

The Order will come into operation on 10th September 2012 and cease operation after a period of 6 months. The purpose of the Order is to enable demolition works of the multi-storey car-park to be carried out.

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Library Road.	From its junction with Bute Street to its junction with The Mall service road.

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (VARIOUS ROADS) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES) (NO.10) ORDER 2012

The Order will come into operation on 18th June 2012 and cease operation after 24th August 2012. The purpose of the Order is to enable replacement of gas mains and service pipes to properties.

SCHEDULE

ROAD	LENGTH OF ROAD
Wadhurst Avenue	From its junction with Austin Road to opposite No.9 Wadhurst Avenue
Wadhurst Avenue	From its junction with Austin Road to opposite No.91 Wadhurst Avenue
Austin Road	From its junction with New Bedford Road to its junction with Bideford Gardens

Access will be maintained as best as possible to properties where this may be done safely whilst such works are being carried out and diversions for traffic and pedestrians will be marked by signs.
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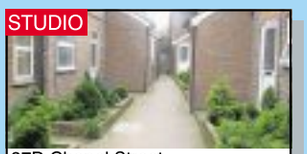

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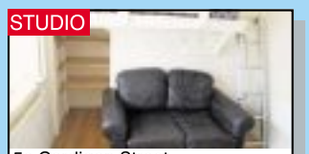

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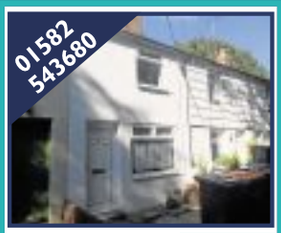

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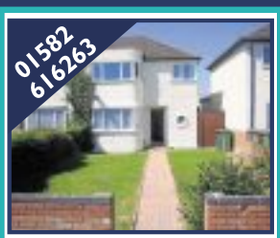

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- Unfurnished
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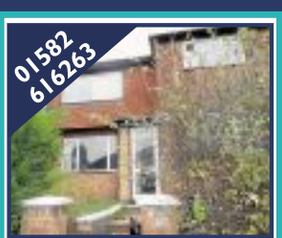

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The XV is a handsome thing, with cohesive, chunky styling. The details are neatly resolved too. Look at those smartly integrated tail light clusters, the dished flanks and the eagle-eye headlamps. It's certainly leagues better looking than the old Tribeca SUV. How does it compare with the likes of the Qashqai and the Skoda Yeti in terms of packaging? That's not quite so clear cut. For a start, there's no seven seat option which will rule it out for some families and the 380-litre boot means that you might need to pack a little lighter than you'd expect. Fold the rear seats down though and things improve dramatically, with an excellent 1,270 litres on offer. Rear legroom is good and there's plenty of adjustability in the driving position but the seats could use a little more support.The fly in the ointment might well be the value proposition. Rivals like the Hyundai ix35 undercut the XV quite significantly.

This Subaru is undoubtedly the better drive but is the driving experience something family buyers really prioritise? It might prove to be an exploitable niche for Subaru, but my hunch is that pricing and packaging are more compelling reasons to buy a car in this class. While the XV probably won't trouble the best sellers list anytime soon, it's nevertheless an interesting and entertaining entrant. If you're a keen driver and want a car with all-weather ability that will still discharge the family duties, **it's well worth a place on your shortlist.**

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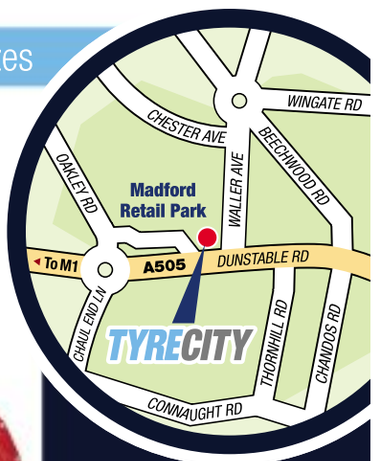

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CLASSY: Bobby George against Arek Malek on Friday night
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'I'm ready for titles' – George

BOXING

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BOBBY George believes he is ready for title fights after his six round, 60-51 dismantling of Polish punch bag Arek Malek in Bedford on Friday night.

It was the Luton-based Bulgarian's sixth fight in the paid ranks and, after three of his previous five bouts had seen him stop his opponent, he admitted that he made the clash last the distance in order to get more rounds under his belt.

The Olympic bronze medallist oozed class against 60 fight veteran Malek, picking the Pole off at will with a lightning quick jab that time and again rocked his rival's head back in the opening round.

By the time the bell rang at the end of the sixth and final session George had ensured blood was streaming from Malek's nose and eye and had made him suffer a standing count. The Luton Shamrock man had also been so devastating that the inferior 34-year-old twice had a point taken off his score due to holding, simply to get a breather from the relentless volley of shots that made a mess of his head.

George barely broke a sweat and admitted afterwards that he now wants to progress very quickly to title fights.

He said: "I trained hard for the fight and I felt very good and comfortable, just like when I was young and I started boxing.

"Now I'm sure I'm going to be a champion very quickly.

"Nobody knows what is going to happen in boxing but it's very important to feel comfortable in the ring and when you have that it is easy.

"I need to go six, eight, ten rounds because I've been knocking people out with one-two combinations. That's no good for me. I just need somebody to hit me and get me a little bit nervous, but it's difficult in boxing."

George headlined the undercard at Bedford Corn Exchange which marked former world heavyweight title challenger Matt Skelton's first ever show on home soil, where he made short work of Czech Ladislav Kovarik.

The show was co-promoted by Dennis Hobson, who took Ricky Hatton out to Las Vegas among many big fights, and the skilful Shamrock puncher hopes this will help bring him accolades sooner rather than later.

"I never stop training and I want to be busy all the time," George said., adding: "I want a title fight. I am definitely ready.

"My promoter and my manager [Mervyn Turner] are a very good team and we are looking to the future. Step by step it's coming, but I am ready.

"I have my experience. I've been boxing 20 years and have been a European [amateur] champion twice and Olympic bronze medallist."

Stephenson eyes bright new chapter in fight career

TWO minutes and 55 seconds that's how long it took for Marco Stephenson to show his potential and now the light heavyweight is hoping it's the first step towards a British title.

The 28-year-old from Luton stopped Preston's Stuart 'Mad Dog' Maddox inside the first round in Bedford on Friday night with a vicious, glancing uppercut that left this rival unable to see properly enough to continue.

It put right a harsh 38-40 defeat to Scott Hartley two months ago at York Hall, Bethnal Green. That had been his first fight for 21 months after a difficult period of personal tragedy but it arguably should have been at least a draw.

It tarnished the Luton Shamrock fighter's fledgling professional record with a second defeat but the stoppage on Friday night evened his stats up and now Stephenson is looking to make up for lost time and progress as quickly as possible.

He said: "I'm extremely delighted because I've been working hard in the gym and my mind is focused now on what I'm going to do.

"I'm feeling great and I just went out there and had fun.

"One of the things I was working on in the gym with Mervyn [Turner] was my jab. It's very important and it's going to win me all my fights.

"I tried to keep him [Maddox] at range and use my speed because I've got fast hands. It's going to come on more and more and I just can't wait for the future.

"I want a British title and then lead on to a world title.

"I've said from the start I was going to get it, so I'm going to get it. I've had my downs but I didn't let them keep me down. I'm up now and I had a great victory.

"I'm going to have a busy year – I'm going to get stuck in. We'll go back to the drawing board and see who is out there for me.

"There are loads of good boxers and hopefully we'll get it in. I'm somewhere on the radar, so we'll see where it takes me."

The fight night wasn't so favourable for stable-mate Duane Grimes who suffered in an explosive start to the bill. The Luton light welterweight was stopped inside the first round against undefeated rookie Alfie Smith, which notched up his fifth defeat in six fights – the third that failed to last the distance.

The Shamrock fighter came under attack from the first bell and he only lasted one minute 21 seconds before the referee stepped in.

TKO: Marco Stephenson (right) lines up Stuart Maddox

■JORDAN Reynolds has been confirmed in the England squad for the GB Youth Three Nations in Liverpool next month and been handed a stiff test against one of the favourites Shane McDonagh (Stowe ABC).

The Luton amateur's opponent won a Junior ABAE title, beating Lambton Street ABC's Bobby Breg 11-31 for the 70kg title last week.

Reynolds, a West Ham ABC fighter, is set to move up from welterweight when he joins up with the nation's amateur boxing elite for a training camp on June 10, with the home nations tournament getting under way four day's later.

He said: "He [Shane] is a very good counter puncher. He won ABAs this year had 42 fights winning 34.

"I'm boxing at light middle so it's going to be very tough.

"He's southpaw and won the schoolboy title as well, so he's the favourite, but if I win this fight then hopefully I'll go on and win a gold."

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MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET

Clayson and county have time to recover

THE early exit from the MCCA Trophy competition means that Bedfordshire have three weeks to find some form before the Championship season gets underway, ***writes Lance Christopher***.

Their next game is not until June 10, when they take on Hertfordshire at Bishop's Stortford, and the batsmen will hopefuly take the opportunity to get some time at the crease in club cricket before then.

It was the batting which let Bedfordshire down in the one-day competition with Andy Reynoldson the only player to go past 50 in three innings.

The latest disappointment came at Cople on Sunday when Bedfordshire were dismissed for 159 chasing an Oxfordshire total of 261-9.

They lost their first five wickets for for 51 and then, just when skipper Oliver Clayson seemed to be regaining his touch after a series of low scores, he was struck in the face trying to reverse sweep. He was not wearing a helmet and with one eye completely closed by the blow, he was forced to retire.

With him went Bedfordshire's slim hopes of mounting a serious challenge although Rob Keogh batted through to be unbeaten on 29 and Colin Griggs stuck a belligerent 23.

Earlier Oxfordshire had made good use of a fine batting wicket although Reynoldson pegged them back a little with his left-arm spin which produced figures of 4-47.

This was only the second time the county had played at Cople and the Cople and Argus club deserve great praise for producing such a fine wicket and quick outfield despite all the recent rain.

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Michael Devine

Devine out to finish rival Deakins' career

BOXING

MICHAEL Devine is planning to "retire" next opponent Robin Deakin after some pre-fight Twitter baiting, but then he wants to set up a home town grudge match with Danny Mulhern.

The 23-year-old lightweight is set to face Crawley journeyman Robin Deakin (1-46) on Saturday in Brentwood Essex as a co-headliner to Olympic gold medallist heavyweight Audley Harrison's latest comeback.

The two fighters sparred together at Luton promoter Graham Earl's gym before Devine – nicknamed Chunky – split away after his only defeat to date against Mark Alexander on his 21st birthday.

He is now with trainer James Paisley and the former Farley ABC youngster – also associated with the Academy ABC – is unbeaten in his three fights under him.

He wants to stretch that run to four victories and he admits he wants to end Deakin's interest in the sport in doing so.

"I want to fight him and finish his career," said Devine, adding: "He said he's going to retire if I beat him.

"I'm confident. He thinks it's going to be a war but I'm not going to do that with a journeyman.

"I'm going to give him a boxing lesson.

"He's on Twitter, mugging me off but I'm not going to rise to it. I'll get my work done on Saturday.

"Graham Earl is training him at the minute and I'd like to shut him up too. If he thinks I'm still the same fighter I was then he's in for a shock."

Earl's light welterweight Mulhern is fighting debutant Elvis Makada at York Hall, Bethnal Green today in his third pro fight since making the switch from Luton's Shamrock ABC.

The former British and Commonwealth champion-turned promoter has previously admitted he'd like to see the Luton-based Irishman step into the ring with Devine, who is equally happy to settle some scores.

"I'm just looking at Robin Deakin for now but there are a few people who I want to fight," Devine said, adding: "I want to get Danny Mulhern in the ring because there's a bit of talking.

"Me and Danny are good mates really but Graham is trying to make things happen, saying I haven't got the bottle to fight him. I'll go in the ring with anyone.

"Hopefully my manager and Graham can speak and get that on in July. Danny is quick with his hands but he hasn't got the power to hurt me. I'm a puncher at my weight but he's the weight above.

"If he really wants that fight he can come down to my weight or even at a catch-weight. I've got no problems with Danny. He's a nice lad and I've often had a beer with him, but since I've turned pro he's gone his way, I've gone mine and business is business."

NEED FOR SPEED: Sabrina Bakare

Bakare's gold a Bolt from blue

BY BEN BAKER
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USAIN Bolt will be a happy man if he can follow in the footsteps of Sabrina Bakare after the Luton athlete left the Sainsbury's School Games and the London 2012 Stadium clutching gold and a new personal best.

The 16-year-old was getting an early taste of the Olympic atmosphere set to sweep across the capital this summer as she took to the start line at the London 2012 Stadium looking for 300m gold.

And Bakare wrapped the title up in superb fashion, winning by over a second-and-a-half as she crossed the line in 38.43 seconds.

The Barnfield West Academy pupil's time wasn't only good enough to take home the title but also a new personal best to boot.

And Bakare was delighted she saved her best for when it really mattered, but hasn't ruled out more silverware before the season is over.

"I am so overwhelmed to have won the gold medal and it feels amazing," said Bakare, who also helped England South East claim the 4x300m title.

"It is an amazing feeling to have done a PB in the Olympic Stadium where Usain Bolt will be running I can't believe it.

"The crowd shouting made it amazing. I felt so good I pumped down the home straight. Before the race I was feeling a bit tired after the relay but I had a talk with my coach who made me feel like I could do it. I feel so happy now.

"Hopefully this is just the start for me this season and I can go even further and collect even more medals this year."

While Bakare was setting the Olympic Stadium alight Nathan Greene was doing the same at the Olympic Aquatics Centre, the Luton swimmer winning 100m multi-classification backstroke bronze.

And after climbing the podium in a Paralympic venue Greene, a Team Luton swimmer, insists he plans to do it for real further down the line.

"I feel really good about myself and it made me realise that I am actually pretty good at swimming."

Putteridge High School and Community College's Greene added. "I had confidence in what I can do and I knew if I went out there and swam a really good race I had a chance of coming away with a medal and I did.

"Collecting my medal in front of the crowd was a special moment I enjoyed it and hopefully in the future I might get to experience it again."

The Sainsbury's 2012 School Games was held at the Olympic Park and other venues from 6-9 May 2012 with school-aged elite athletes competing across 12 sports. Visit www.2012schoolgames.com for more information

Scot settles for double Dutch 13th

Scot Adam on the Assen TT circuit

MOTORSPORT

SCOT Adam finished 13th twice as as the Ducati 848 Challenge visited the Assen TT circuit in Holland – the first of its two overseas rounds this year.

Adam said: "I have never been to the track before so was not expecting much but after having limited time on a Track Day on Friday and Saturday morning, I felt I had learned the track enough not to embarrass myself.

"Unfortunately I developed a cold throughout my time there and was a bit lacking in energy.

"I still managed to qualify 19th in class out of 29 riders and finished with two 13th places so managed to score a few points, which was really the best I could have hoped for.

"My lap times dropped by a total of seconds between Saturday morning free practice and race two on Sunday so I was very happy with that and we have made big improvements on suspension set-up as Assen is a very fast circuit."

It leaves the Luton rider eighth in the championship table.

The next meeting is at Snetterton on Saturday where Adam and the other riders will be the support class for British Super Bikes.

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I dearly hope Hatters go up

Big Mick, the mastermind of Luton's last day of Wembley glory, will be cheering the boys

BY DAN PALMER
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THE last man to guide Luton Town to Wembley glory is hoping for some more Hatters magic at the national stadium this afternoon.

Mick Harford was at the helm when Scunthorpe United were downed 3-2 in the 2009 Johnstone's Paint Trophy final and will be in attendance today for the make-or-break Blue Square Bet Premier play-off showdown with York City (3pm).

Harford was still in charge when Luton dropped out of the Football League thanks to a 30-point deduction dished out by the game's authorities and for him, victory over the Minstermen would help to erase the injustices of that season.

The former England striker was also a member of the Town team which beat Arsenal 3-2 in the 1988 League Cup final, so he already has two Wembley moments to savour with the club.

He said: "I'll be at the game and I dearly hope they get promoted.

"It's been a big loss to the Football League, Luton being out of it, and I think they are out of the league by default, which is unfortunate.

"They had a great opportunity last year which they missed out on, but hopefully this season they'll do it. I've got my fingers crossed for them.

"Beating Arsenal was the highlight of my playing career, and then, managerially, a highlight was taking Luton back to Wembley and winning the Trophy."

Fifty-three-year-old Harford was unveiled as assistant boss at local rivals Milton Keynes Dons on Friday, a move which may not sit too well with the Luton faithful.

He said: "I'm here for footballing reasons. I've been out of work for two-and-a-half years, so this is a great opportunity to get back into the game."

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